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Breastfeeding mum is told to leave pool

Shocked mother-of-four is told food and drink banned at pool

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A MUM-OF-FOUR is planning a protest after she was told she couldn't breast-feed her daughter at a pool – because of a 'no food and drink' rule.

Natasha Barnett decided to breastfeed her five-month-old daughter Olive at the side of Middleton Pool, in Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, on Friday while her four-year-old daughter Millie and friend Lily were swimming.

She asked the lifeguard if she could breastfeed while the children were in the pool and was shocked when he said she was not allowed because 'it's classed as eating and drinking'.

She said: "I go swimming there every week and when I did it a few weeks ago no-one bat an eyelid.

"When he said no I started welling up and had to get the children out of the pool and take them to the changing room so I could continue to feed Olive.

"Normally I'd get angry but because of the shock I was really upset."

The manager has since apologised saying Places for People Leisure Management Ltd (PfP Leisure), which manages the facility, does allow breast-feeding at the side of the pool.

But 29-year-old Natasha, from Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, now plans to hold a protest with dozens of other mums from the area calling for the pool's breastfeeding policy to be made clearer to prevent future problems.

A date for the protest, which will see mums breastfeeding at the side of the pool, is still to be arranged.

A spokesman for PfP Leisure said: "The manager has since spoken to the lady and is fully satisfied with the reasoning behind the lifeguard's approach, which was primarily to ensure the safety of her four-year-old child who needed to be supervised in the pool by an adult.

"The lady has said she is looking forward to returning to the pool.

"PfP Leisure is fully supportive of breastfeeding within our facilities, including at the pool side.

"Examples of situations in which breastfeeding would be inappropriate is in the pool, in a spa or any area where consumption of food and drink are prohibited."

Natasha added: "I did say I would return but only because I want to breastfeed pool side and make a stand.

"It's about the miscommunication between the company and its staff.

"I felt humiliated. It has knocked my confidence and I don't feel comfortable breastfeeding in other public areas now."

Continuing to fight: Natasha Barnett and her daughter Olive

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Emily is second casualty of lake

A 20-YEAR-OLD waitress has become the second person in just a week to die after swimming in the Blue Lagoon in Bletchley.

Emily Johnson, a former Stantonbury Campus student who worked at Byron Hamburger in the centre:mk, died on Friday after being pulled from the lake at the nature reserve last Wednesday evening.

Partners from the SaferMK initiative, which includes the council, police and fire and rescue services, had issued warnings not to swim in open water just days after the death of 61-year-old Paul Allsop on July 25, which we revealed in last week's paper.

But the lake remained a popular spot for younger people to go for a dip and emergency services were called to assist Emily after she got into difficulties in the water.

Horrified onlookers saw her airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, but she died there two days later.

SaferMK is now adding extra warning signs and increasing patrols at lakes and canals across the city.

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "The death is being treated as unexplained and is not believed to be suspicious at this stage.

"Officers are preparing a report on the incident to be handed over to the coroner."

An inquest is set to be opened into Emily's death at Milton Keynes Coroner's Court tomorrow.

Milton Keynes Council leader Pete Marland said the two tragic incidents 'highlighted the dangers' of entering opening waters.

He added: "Our thoughts and sympathies go out to the friends and families involved in the tragic incidents over the last few days.

"But we cannot keep you safe if you swim in open waters."

Crashed pilot's lucky escapes

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A 70-YEAR-OLD pilot was forced to bail out of his glider after a mid-air collision.

Experienced pilot and cattle farmer Andrew Preston, from Little Horwood, was left 'spinning to earth' after his aircraft collided with another glider, ripping off its left wing.

Dramatic pictures show Mr Preston jumping from the broken aircraft before opening his parachute and landing in a field.

Just when he thought he was safe, Mr Preston, who suffered a cracked vertebra, then had to drag himself out of the way of a combine harvest, still fearing that parts of the plane could fall on top of him.

He said: "The combine harvester didn't stop so I thought I better move.

"I was flying over St Neots and I didn't see the other glider and he didn't see me. I lost a wing and the aircraft turned upside down and was spinning to earth. I released my straps and just fell out and reached for the parachute. I knew I was in trouble and what came afterwards was in the lap of the gods."

Mr Preston had been taking part in a flying competition when the accident happened on July 26.

He was taken to Adenbrooke's Hospital and was lucky to have only cracked one bone in his back.

St Neots photographer Martin Boss took the breathtaking pictures from the garden of his home. He had been hoping to get some photographs of birds or passing aircraft when he saw the gliders collide.

Mr Preston added: "It was good to see the pictures as it enabled me to see what actually happened.

"I was very lucky to escape but I love gliding and I will get into an aircraft again when my body is not so sore."

The pilot of the other glider was able to land safely on an airfield near Bedford.

The accident is now being investigated by the British Gliding Association (BGA).

Chief executive, Pete Stratten, said: "It is a relatively safe sport but everybody does accept there is a greater risk than climbing on a commercial aircraft."

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Bailing out: Andrew Preston, *inset*, releases his parachute after jumping out of his glider. He landed in front of an oncoming combine harvester

Experts offer teen help to shed pounds

FOLLOWING MK NEWS' story about a mother's plea to help her daughter lose weight, experts have come forward to assist.

As reported last week, Sara Agintas, 45, from Bradville is looking for the Government and Milton Keynes Council to help her 17 stone daughter Hannah shed the pounds.

Since then, the 14-year-old has been offered a place on the Motiv8 programme run by MK Dons Sport and Education Trust.

The free 10-week weight management programme, funded by Public Health England and Milton Keynes Council, consists of two hours of physical activity and a 60 minute nutritional session each week.

Hypnotherapist Tasmin Cooper was also touched by Hannah's story and is offering a course, worth £225, for free.

Through hypnotherapy Tasmin helps patients believe they have had a gastric band and are no longer as hungry, which helps them lose weight.

She said: "My heart went out to the little one. I want to help her work on her confidence and self-esteem."

Personal trainer Rich Roach has also offered to help both Hannah and Sara.

Sara said she still needs to look at all the options with Hannah but she liked the idea of hypnotherapy.

Golden Greg jumps to top

COMMONWEALTH Games golden boy Greg Rutherford was 'over the moon' with his long jump win – and believes his victory helps prove some of his doubtors wrong.

The long jump star won the gold at the London 2012 Olympics, but since then he has been blighted by injury.

It left some people believing that perhaps his London success had an element of luck, but his winning jump in Glasgow last Wednesday showed that he is far from a one-trick pony.

His jump of 8.20m was enough to win gold and he told BBC Sport that he doesn't want to stop yet.

"It's never an easy road and after what happened last year I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to carry on jumping," he said.

"I've managed to come away with another title, which is what it's all about for me, and I'm over the moon.

"I think a lot of people had written me off as a one-hit wonder but I'm here trying to prove that I can still do it and I'm going to do it more times.

"I've had a really consistent year and I think that has shown – when you come out and win a medal it proves a point."

Rutherford is now aiming to add a European title to his tally in Zurich, with the long jump events taking place on August 15 and 17.

Coming up: For a full roundup from the Commonwealth Games 2014, see sport from page 71.

'Devastated' by cop Kev's death

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE have paid tribute to an 'exemplary' police officer who was tragically killed in a road accident last week.

PC Kevin Leaney, who worked in Newport Pagnell, died after being hit by a lorry on the A509 between Olney and Sherington.

Thames Valley Police were called to the scene at 5.30am and the force said it is 'devastated' by his death.

A spokesman said: "We are devastated by the news that PC Kevin Leaney died during a road traffic collision.

"Known as Kev, PC Leaney was an exemplary officer who worked for the force for more than 26 years.

"At the time of his death, he was a member of the Newport Pagnell Neighbourhood Team. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time."

The opening of an inquest into PC Leaney's death on Friday, attended by his wife Sue, heard police are still investigating the circumstances of the accident, which happened last Monday.

This was the most read story on our website on three days this week **mkweb.co.uk/news**

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Wedding arrest

THE Home Office's immigration team was called to reports of a sham marriage taking place at the Registry Office in Bletchley yesterday. Following the raid, a 25-year-old Pakistani man was arrested on suspicion of immigration offences and has been detained pending deportation from the UK.

Burglary charge

LAURENCE Cawley, 41, of Willen Caravan Site, Newport Pagnell, has been charged with burglary following a break-in at a home in The Limes, Stony Stratford, on July 22. He is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court tomorrow.

Appeal over rape in hotel

POLICE have released an image of a man they would like to speak to in connection with a rape at a hotel.

The incident happened at the Premier Inn in Secklow Gate West between 3.30am and 9.30am on April 26.

A 23-year-old woman had returned to the hotel with a friend and two men they had met that night.

She woke up to find a man having sex with her against her will.

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.

See the image online mkweb.co.uk/news

Escort agency shut down

AN ESCORT agency that opened opposite a children's nursery has been evicted.

MK NEWS revealed it was operating at the former Bridge Inn pub in Fenny Stratford, opposite Kiddi Care Nursery.

After councillors and landlords City Estates MK Ltd spotted our story, the agency was booted out on Sunday.

Labour's Andrew Pakes said: "A pat on the back is due to councillors Alan Webb and Mohammed Khan and to MK NEWS for highlighting it."

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Unhealthy wait for GP

MY WIFE and I are among the patients who were affected by the closure of Willen Village Surgery, being moved to Oakridge Park Medical Centre.

At our old practice, which had between two and three doctors, we could get an appointment the next day at the latest.

Now, with seven doctors in the new practice, we have to wait a minimum of three weeks for an appointment.

I recently went private because of the amount of time I would have had to wait for an appointment to have a cancerous growth removed from my face, which was diagnosed and removed within two weeks at the Saxon Clinic.

I have to have regular blood checks because of my diabetes condition and once again the waiting time for the blood test was three weeks.

We are seriously considering moving to a less inhabited area of the country to try and improve this situation.

My wife was a teacher in a local school for 16 years, while I owned and ran an engineering company in MK for 33 years. We have many local friends and the move would be a real wrench.

Mr and Mrs Davenport
Willen Park

Hotel isn't the answer

REGARDING Jon Brett's column on the sharp decline of the Theatre District (*MK NEWS, July 30*).

While it's good news that the owners are keen to invest, it's disappointing that after three years studying the problem all they have come up with is a hotel.

Yes, let's make the Theatre District more appealing to families, but a lone hotel is hardly going to do that, especially given its backdrop of bunker-like buildings and dingy alleys lined with rubbish bins.

Short of demolishing the lot and starting again, why don't the owners, UGS MK Ltd, start by asking families and young people what they would like?

What would encourage people to cross from Xscape, or stay on after a show at the theatre? It might be a new swimming pool, or even a rainforest in a bio-dome. Who knows?

But extending two of the existing 'bunkers', adding yet another dingy alley, and building a hotel is hardly likely to transform the area or improve the appeal of CMK as a whole.

Helpfully, in response to a request from Xplain, the owners have now put their proposals online. I would encourage your readers to view them and send in their own ideas, via www.theatre-district.co.uk/future_plans/

Linda Inoki
Chairman, Xplain

■ *For more on this, see page 17*

Make more of water

SO IN the past week we have heard of two more water related tragedies in MK.

What sense do we hear from the council or The Parks Trust? None!

All we ever hear is the 'authorities' telling people that open water bathing is unsafe and to keep out of the water.

Well these bodies should open their eyes to the fact that many people enjoy open water bathing and rather than banning it they should facilitate it.

Look west of MK to the Cotswolds Water Park and what do we see? Specially prepared bathing beaches at some of the old sand and gravel pits. Instead of danger there is attraction and added revenues for the lake side businesses.

It's well past time the same was done for MK residents and visitors.

Keith Bucknall
Oriel Close, Wolverton

Cyclists have rights too

MILTON Keynes Council leader Pete Marland needs to be reminded that cyclists have the same rights, privileges and responsibilities as any other grid road user whether car, motorbike or HGV ('*Cyclists shouldn't use the grid roads, MK NEWS, July 30*).

With regards to the safety of motorists and cyclists when using the city grid road system, section 163 of the Highway Code clearly states: "Road users should give motor cyclists and cyclists at least as much room as you would when overtaking another car".

After reading Cllr Marland's comments, I'm sure he falls into the recent research category, which shows that a small minority of car users regard cyclists not as equally entitled road users, but as unwelcome and should be ignored as much as possible.

It would also be worth reminding Cllr Marland that both cyclists and motorists would greatly benefit if the present Milton Keynes Council administration had better insight into maintenance and policing of our city's redway network.

Paul Bowler, Milton Keynes Green Party

■ *For more on this, see page 16*

Steer clear of changes

THE speed limit in Milton Keynes should stay the same (*'MK speed limits will be reviewed', MK NEWS, July 30*).

Grid roads are unique to us and they should stay as they are – pedestrian free and cyclists should be banned on them.

How many people will start chancing crossing the roads if the speed limit was to be reduced causing more danger?

I cycle regularly around Milton Keynes using the redways. They should be promoted more and maintained better. New residents should be educated about how the grid roads and redways work.

In my opinion, dangerous drivers cause accidents, not the current speed limit.

I believe people who drive at 30mph on grid roads are also bad drivers themselves as they encourage dangerous overtaking and frustrate everyone else.

Name and address supplied

Stick to the speed limit

THE national speed limits on the grid roads should stay as they are.

We need to educate pedestrians to use underpasses as grid roads are not for crossing. It is an myth that the underpasses are unsafe.

Maybe block right turns across dual carriageways – the one from Knowlhill onto Childs Way is a deathtrap.

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Iain's Monthly Focus

MP gives his views on Assisted Dying Bill

ONE of the most controversial political issues at the moment is the Assisted Dying Bill – which would give terminally ill patients, who are mentally competent adults, the choice to take prescribed medication that will end their life.

We asked Milton Keynes South MP, Iain Stewart, for his views on the Bill.

Q. Do you support the Assisted Dying Bill?

A. The short answer is that I have not yet made up my mind on this issue. It will be one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to take as an MP. There are powerful and persuasive arguments on both sides of the debate and it is my duty to assess these carefully before reaching a decision.

Q. Why are so many people supporting the Bill?

A. Some people sadly go through excruciating pain and torment in their last few days and weeks of life. It places a huge physical and emotional toll on them and their loved ones.

It is hard to counter the compassionate argument that you should let these terminally-ill people foreshorten their lives by a short period to prevent incredible suffering and to die in peace and with dignity.

Q. So why do you have doubts?

A. For a number of reasons. First, the law is there to protect vulnerable people. We cannot allow a situation where anyone would feel coerced into taking their own life because they fear being a burden to others; or because they are pressurised by others. That sadly happens.

As it currently stands, the Bill does not specify exactly what safeguards would be put in place to prevent this. I would need to see this detail before I could be convinced.

There is also a strong argument that the law as it stands already gives doctors sufficient discretion to ease the pain of terminally-ill patients in their final days. Most doctors oppose a change in the law.

There is also the religious argument that it is not for mankind to take the decision to end a human life. Clerical opinion is split on this but it is another aspect of the debate that has to be considered.

Q. So what happens now?

A. The Assisted Dying Bill is currently being considered by the House of Lords. If it is approved there, it will come before the House of Commons later this year or early next year.

I will not finalise my view until I see the exact detail of what is being proposed.

Until then, I can assure readers that I will very carefully consider all the arguments and evidence before reaching my conclusion.

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‘I really thought I was going to die’

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A DEPUTY manager has spoken about the moment he was brutally attacked by robbers in the betting shop where he works.

Martin White, from Fenny Stratford, suffered a broken jaw, punctured lung and lost a lot of blood after he was kicked and punched by two men who stole money from the tills at William Hill in Queensway, Bletchley.

The 27-year-old was attacked by the Asian men as he tried to close up.

He said: “When one of them started strangling me I really thought I was going to die.

“I tried to stop them getting into the tills but they punched me repeatedly. They got me in the back room and one of them put his finger to his mouth telling me to be quiet.

“Their attack lasted 10 to 15 minutes, but it felt like a lifetime.

“I lost a lot of blood and my face was unrecognisable.”

Martin, who spent two days in Milton Keynes Hospital following the attack on July 10, said the men were in their early 30s and wore tracksuits.

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Read more and see CCTV footage of the attackers **mkweb.co.uk/news**

Cut above: *From left*, Garry Donoghue, Darren Rapp, Emma Kenyon and Steve and Naomi Carey

Close shave for fundraisers

A GROUP of friends have had their heads shaved to raise money for cancer sufferers.

Emma Kenyon, 42, from Wavendon Gate, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and will lose her hair during chemotherapy. To show their support, Steve and Naomi Carey, Garry Donoghue and Emma’s partner Darren Rapp said they would all have their heads shaved if they raised £500 for Cancer Research.

After raising £2,295, the foursome had their heads shaved at Universal Hair Studios in Grange Farm on Thursday. Find out how to donate at www.mkweb.co.uk

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Bletchley Park boats

MILTON Keynes Rowing Club have dedicated their new fleet of boats to the work done at Bletchley Park. The seven boats have been given names like Enigma and Codebreaker.

Thieves steal bike

A MOUNTAIN bike was stolen from Emerson Valley’s One Stop shop on Monday morning. Call police on 101.

Give Something Back

CHARITY Give Something Back has donated 1,000 backpacks containing essential everyday items to homeless people in shelters in MK.

Woman sexually assaulted

POLICE have increased patrols and are conducting house to house enquires after an 18-year-old woman was sexually assaulted.

She was walking towards Fishermead over the footbridge which crosses Childs Way between 1am and 1.15am on Sunday. She passed a group of four black men and one of them followed her before sexually assaulting her in Pencarrow Place. He is black and between 5ft 8in and 6ft. He was wearing baggy jeans.

If you have any information call police on 101.

Affordable homes are finished

A NUMBER of affordable homes have finally been completed in Tattenhoe Park.

Housing association Guinness South is building 46 affordable homes in partnership with MK Council and the first 12 have now been completed with the rest due in March 2015.

Cabinet member for housing, Hannah O’Neill, is ‘delighted’ with the scheme.

It’s hoped it will help with the lack of affordable housing in MK. Just 14 per cent of homes in the city are ‘affordable’ according to charity Shelter.

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Clockwise from top left: Michael Walsh, Paul Camara, Daniel Simpson, Andrew David, Richard Barrett, Rhys Roberts. All were jailed after the 'unprecedented' scale of their £200k crime spree

£200k criminal gang locked up

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GANG of seven burglars who stole items from homes and cars totalling more than £200,000 have been jailed – in what police have called 'the largest conspiracy investigation' in its history.

Richard Barrett, Daniel Simpson, Michael Walsh, Andrew David, Rhys Roberts and Paul Camara, all from the Milton Keynes area, have been locked up for a combined 33 years for carrying out the crimes.

A 16-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, also appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court for Friday's hearing and was given an 18-month detention order for his part in the spree.

In total the group committed 178 offences, causing £90,000 worth of criminal damage in the process.

Adrian Foster, chief crown prosecutor for the Thames Valley, said at its peak the gang burgled up to 10 properties every night.

He said: "The gang's leaders were Richard Barrett and Daniel Simpson, with Andrew David as the principal handler of the stolen property.

"Their crime spree was well planned and organised with most offences taking place at night."

Acting Detective Inspector Matt Darnell from Thames Valley Police led the investigation. He said: "The sheer scale of the offences committed by these men is unprecedented in the Milton Keynes area and had a massive impact on our communities.

"A significant amount of work went into this complex investigation.

"Those charged all entered guilty pleas as the evidence against them was too strong to argue with."

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Assault in Bletchley
A WOMAN was assaulted outside Phat Cuts barbers in Albert Street, Bletchley, at 1pm last Tuesday. She suffered bruising to her face as a result. More online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

'Don't hide your key'
POLICE have urged residents not to hide keys outside their homes. It follows a burglary in Byerly Place, Downs Barn, on July 22 when thieves entered a home using a key that had been hidden outside. They stole a laptop.

Bowl day not wasted
AN EVENT held at The National Bowl on June 6 saw businesses and residents bring along 5.44 tonnes of e-waste to recycle. The day, supported by MK Council, encouraged people to recycle broken electrical items rather than throwing them away.

Councillor will keep fighting for nursery

A COUNCILLOR is asking for the Labour cabinet at Milton Keynes Council to rethink its decision to sell land to a retirement home developer.

Conservative councillor Denise Brunning has called in the decision to sell St Giles House and its adjoining land in Stony Stratford to the highest bidder that will build a retirement home.

She said: "The cabinet failed to address the option of a nursery, even though this was part of the development brief for the site. I have 'called in' the cabinet's decision and will be fighting hard for a nursery for Stony Stratford."

Prison ranking a 'concern'

HMP Woodhill has scored the second lowest possible ranking in an annual review.

The category A prison – which has been home to notorious prisoners such as Ian Huntley and Charles Bronson – was ranked alongside 126 other prisons in the 2013/14 Prison Annual Performance Ratings by the National Offender Management Service.

The report, released on Friday, shows that 'the overall performance' of Woodhill is level 2, which is 'of concern'.

Only one prison, HMP Brinsford, scored the lowest level one of 'serious concern'.

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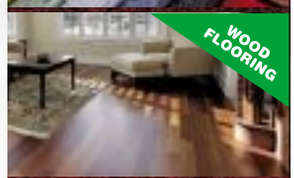

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Eye for design: Retired architect Derek Yeadon at the former bus station, which is now Grade II-listed. Derek and his team designed the building in the 1980s

Listed status is just the ticket

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A BUILDING that has inspired the look of others in the city has been recognised by English Heritage.

The former bus station in Elder Gate is now Grade II-listed due to its architectural importance, which means it cannot be demolished, extended, or altered without permission.

The station was designed in 1982-3 by architect Derek Yeadon, 75, from Great Linford and his team at the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. He said: "The whole image of the bus station speaks of transport.

"It's not shouting 'look at me', it's a sparse design which is there to serve the public.

"Nothing gets built without a team and I had the best."

The building is now owned by MK Development Partnership. It currently leases it to social enterprise Make A Difference (MaD), which runs young people's activities in the building it has renamed The Buszy.

Denise Davis-Boreham, chief executive of MaD, said: "It is good to be the guardians of a listed building and we look forward to celebrating it more at the Heritage Open Days in September."

Leader of MK Council Pete Marland said: "It is good for any city building to be recognised in this way as long as it doesn't impact on the use of the building for the future."

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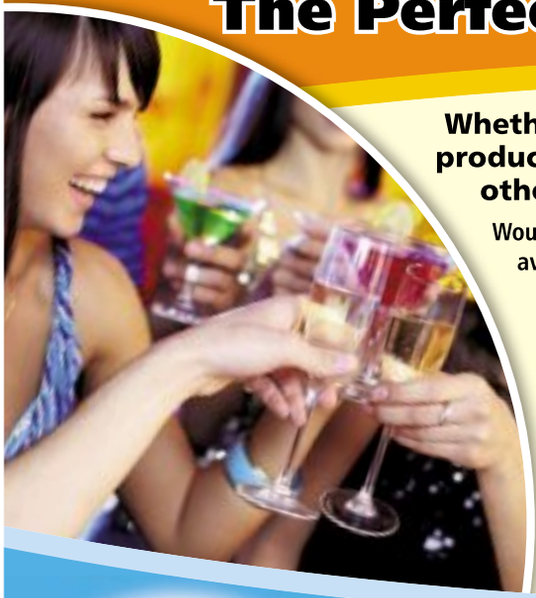

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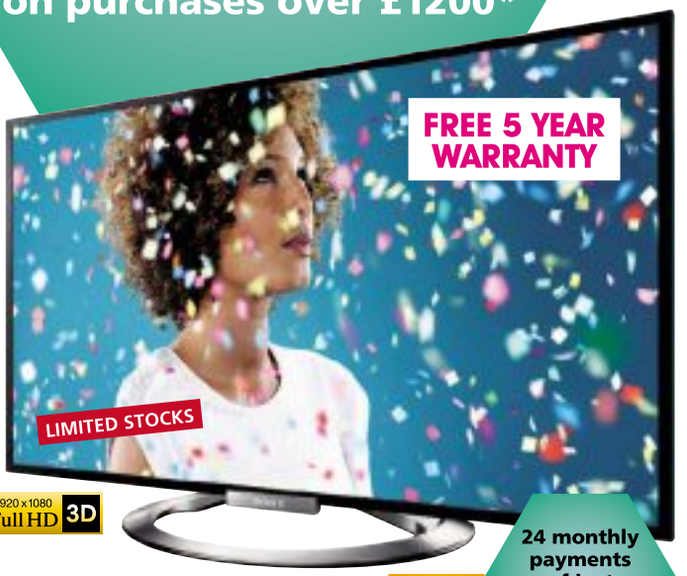

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Cemetery work to stop flooding

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CEMETERY previously described as 'not fit for animals' due to flooding problems will finally have drainage work carried out.

MK NEWS has previously reported how residents had claimed that Selbourne Avenue Cemetery, in Bletchley, resembled a pond rather than a place to put their loved ones to rest.

But after a concerted campaign covered by this newspaper, Milton Keynes Council has set aside £100,000 to install a new drain and run pipes between the graves.

The work, which is set to begin tomorrow and last up to 15 days, was welcomed by local residents Bernadette Morgan and Carmel Thomas.

Bernadette, who visits the grave of her father Richard Whelan, said: "We've been fighting for this ever since dad died in February last year. We have been shouting and screaming. Hopefully this will be an end to the problems."

Issue buried: Bernadette Morgan, Mick Legg and Carmel Thomas

Mrs Thomas, who buried her former train driver husband David at the graveyard, added: "I used to have to put carrier bags on my shoes if I wanted to visit the grave.

"It has taken too long to get to this point, it should have happened years ago. But I'm glad it's finally happening."

Cllr Mick Legg is cabinet member for the public realm, but has previously raised the issue as a ward councillor.

He said: "I am delighted the work to lay a much needed new drainage system in this cemetery will start this week.

"This work will ensure the surface water is removed and stop the ground becoming waterlogged. The considerable stress and upset relatives have had to endure should be a thing of the past."

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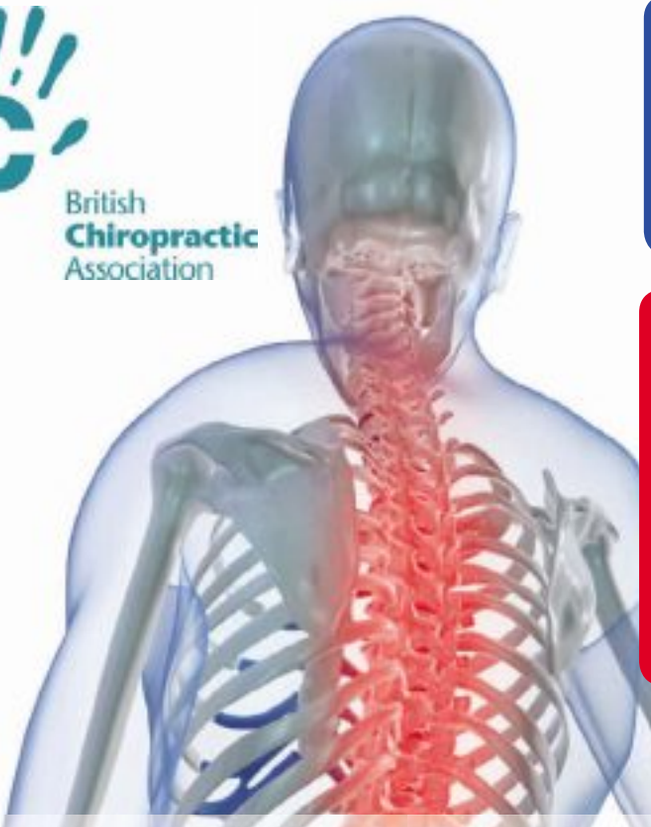

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Fighting for the cause: Pam Williams is chairman of the Stop Haversham Wind Farm action group. She has been battling against the proposed wind farm in Orchard Way for nearly four years

Pickles refuses wind farm plan

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GOVERNMENT minister has overruled a planning inspector and thrown out plans for a controversial wind farm.

RWE Innogy UK had planned to build five turbines in Orchard Way between Haversham and Little Linford.

At 127 metres tall, each mast would have been about the same size as the London Eye.

A public inquiry was held in July 2013 and in October that year planning inspector Paul Jackson recommended the plans be approved.

But last Tuesday, Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, overruled the decision as the 'overall impacts of the proposals are unacceptable', in particular regarding living conditions for residents.

Pam Williams, of the Stop Haversham Wind Farm action group, said: "We are obviously delighted Eric Pickles has confirmed the views of locals, that this is an unfeasible location."

Mike Parker, head of onshore wind at RWE, said: "We are incredibly disappointed to receive this decision.

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Council 'interested' in driverless car bid

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MILTON Keynes Council has announced it is interested in bidding to host driverless car trials.

It comes in a week when business secretary Vince Cable announced the law would be changed to allow autonomous vehicles on Britain's roads by January.

In addition to the announcement, made last Wednesday, the Government is asking cities in the UK to bid to be the first to host driverless car trials – a scheme the council has now confirmed it is interested in.

A council spokesman told MK NEWS: "MK is certainly interested in bidding. Details have only just been released and we are currently assessing the conditions and rules of the bid process.

"The criteria are clear that while there needs to be host cities, the applications will be business led and there needs to be significant match funding from the business consortium."

The driverless cars work by relying on GPS technology which pinpoints its location on an electronic map.

Each trial project will last between 18 and 36 months and is set to begin in January.

Three cities will be selected as part of a £10million competition and MK stands in good stead, having already been selected as the place to trial 12mph driverless pods.

Conservative councillor John Bint, a former cabinet member for transport, said: "I think the fact that we have the pods, the national transport hub and a great variety of roads would help our cause.

"I think this is part of an inevitable move towards increase of technology and I hope any bid for Milton Keynes is successful."

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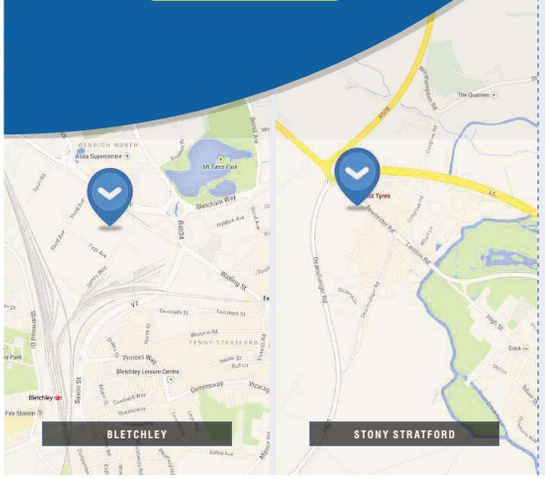

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Should cyclists be on our grid roads?

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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DOZENS of our readers have supported the view of the leader of Milton Keynes Council that cyclists should not use the city grid roads.

Following our story last week, we asked for your views on Cllr Pete Marland's comment that cyclists should stick to the redways.

In our poll on mkweb.co.uk, residents, including some cyclists, echoed his views.

One person said: "Redways provide a safer and fast network for the cyclists and they should be improved.

"Unlike other towns and cities, the grid roads in MK are often too fast to accommodate cyclists."

Cllr Marland's comment, made at a cabinet meeting at the end of last month, was not well received by Green Party spokesman Alan Francis, who argued cyclists are allowed on the grid roads, as stated in the Highway Code.

One reader who agreed with him said: "Cyclists use the best option for their journey, just as a motorist will choose from a country lane, road or motorway.

"Redways aren't always the best, or safest option, even if they do go where you are trying to get to, which they never do."

Mr Francis, who is a keen cyclist and regularly uses the redways, agreed they do not always provide a direct route.

He added: "In some of the older parts of the city, for example Newport Pagnell, Bletchley and Wolverton, there aren't many redways.

"I just ask the council to think of cyclists when they review road safety."

The debate comes as the council reviews the safety of all city roads following eight fatalities in the last year.

Redway: Cllr Pete Marland on his bike

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Room for a hotel to liven up area

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A VALUE hotel chain has announced its plans to move into the Theatre District.

After MK NEWS columnist Jon Brett dubbed the area 'a rundown, uninviting ghetto' in last week's paper and called for it to be redeveloped, Premier Inn has said it wants to build a hotel behind the former Groove nightclub in Lower 12th Street.

Acquisitions manager Richard Pearson said: "Milton Keynes is a thriving town and we would like to invest in its future. We are looking to bring a Premier Inn hotel to the Theatre District as part of those emerging plans. This would provide new jobs and further significant investment."

Jack Paravicini, legal counsel for Theatre District owners UGS MK Ltd, said: "It's no secret the Theatre District is in a sorry state and needs an injection of life into it. The fact we have got Premier Inn signed up, should we get planning permission, is a big vote of confidence."

Closed for business: But it's hoped a hotel will kick-start a revamp

Your views on the Theatre District

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Gemma McCann: "It needs more independent places open there or a European food market. MK has too many chains, most with duplicates so we get bored."

Paul Cubby Collins: "It's an embarrassment to Milton Keynes and a shadow of its former self. Very run down and non-appealing."

Matt French: "It has lost so much trade and needs a revamp."

Shaun George: "It looks a mess, noticed so much rubbish building up. Not really nice to see when you're approaching the centre."

Susan Hassett: "It looks such a sad area, so many 'to let' signs."

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Cop guilty of helping UK drug smugglers

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A FORMER Milton Keynes police officer has been convicted of misconduct in a public office.

Martin McElvenna, 54, was found guilty by a jury at Southwark Crown Court on Thursday following a nine-week trial.

In September 2013, he accessed the Police National Computer to assist in a conspiracy to smuggle drugs into the UK.

He was arrested on September 12 last year and interviewed on the same day.

At the end of his trial – which is still subject to a host of reporting restrictions – he was found guilty on one count of misconduct in a public office.

He was cleared of two other separate counts and the jury failed to reach a decision on a fourth.

The disgraced cop was dismissed from Thames Valley Police in November 2013, following a misconduct hearing.

The force's Deputy Chief Constable, Francis Habgood, said he was 'pleased' with the verdict.

He said: "People should feel able to trust the police and it is, therefore, our responsibility to see that allegations against our officers are investigated extremely thoroughly.

"This case demonstrates how seriously Thames Valley Police takes the behaviour of its officers, whether they are on or off duty.

"It was right that Martin McElvenna was dismissed from Thames Valley Police and we are pleased that justice has been done at court."

McElvenna, of Wills Walk in Northampton, is due to be sentenced at the same court on September 3.

Guilty: Ex-cop Martin McElvenna will be sentenced in September for misconduct

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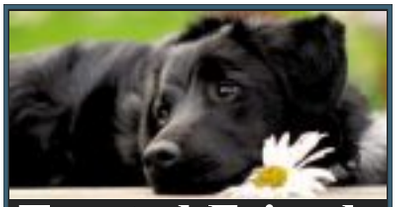

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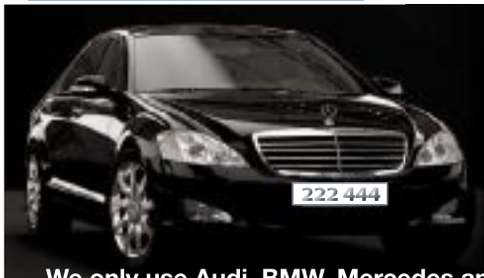

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Great War centenary

On parade: A Royal British Legion rider with members of the armed forces and emergency services

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THOUSANDS of heroes who gave 'their today for our tomorrow' were remembered at events to mark the centenary of the First World War on Monday.

The Jubilee branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) organised an armed forces parade and the release of 100 balloons at stadiummk.

The RBL also asked residents to leave on just one light or candle for a shared moment of reflection at 10pm. Candles were also lit across the city, including at New Bradwell Clock Tower.

A minute silence: Old and young pay their respects

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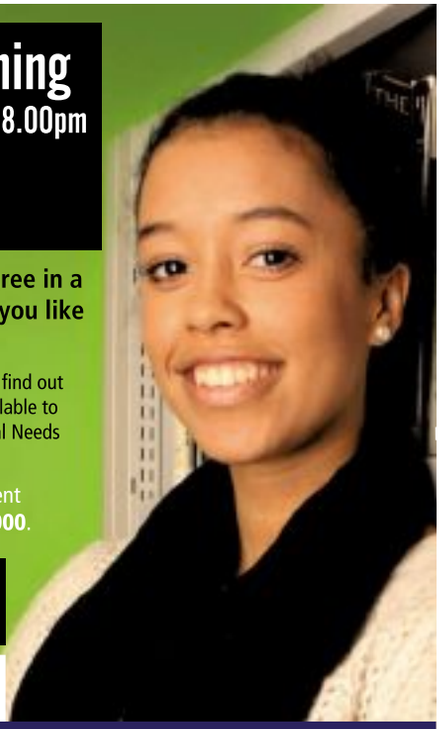

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Get closer to nature at woodland centre

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A £500,000 environmental education and visitor centre is being built in a city wood.

The centre, due to open in October, will contain classrooms, meeting rooms, an outside decked area and new pond dipping platforms.

Located in Howe Park Wood, it will be used for school sessions, as well as events and activities and by local groups.

Bird and bat boxes will be installed in adjacent woodland and there will be new interpretation panels to help people learn about the nearby wildlife.

A feature wall at the front will include a number of square boxes filled with items to form insect homes, or plants. MK artist Annette Reed has also created four stained glass windows depicting the changing seasons in the wood.

The centre, being built by The Parks Trust with the help of £150,000 from national grant-making charity GrantScape, will also incorporate low carbon technologies like solar panels and an air source heat pump.

Getting to work: Briony Fox, head of community engagement at The Parks Trust, and Andrew Budd, grant manager at GrantScape

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Briony Fox, head of community engagement at the trust, said: "We are very grateful to GrantScape for helping us to create a fantastic centre that will expand our environmental education work and be a great facility for the community."

Andrew Budd, grant manager at GrantScape, added: "The Parks Trust's project really stood out for us, with its imaginative focus on delivering community benefits and on caring for our natural environment."

The opening will be celebrated with a week of events and activities in October.

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Warning to think about your care

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PEOPLE need to think earlier about their care when they are older and not solely rely on their children for support.

That's the warning from Paul Griffiths, Age UK Milton Keynes' community development manager, in the wake of research by charity Care UK, which says 35 per cent of people in the city would, or could not, look after their parents if they needed full-time care.

But Mr Griffiths thinks it is unfair to rely on children to provide care.

"We're not surprised by the findings but they are concerning," he said.

"Clearly the best thing is for people to take responsibility for themselves and it shouldn't all fall on the children – we would encourage people to talk about future care plans early."

Mr Griffiths added that companies could do more, saying: "We would encourage companies, as part of any retirement package, to broach the subject."

He added Age UK was also an avenue people could explore for help.

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School's Disney delight

A PERFORMING arts school took audiences 'under the sea' with its first musical.

On Friday, students aged four to 20 at Arts1 School of Performance took to the stage to perform Disney's Little Mermaid at The Box Studios in Linford Wood.

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Mermaid magic: Students playing Aerial and Sebastian in the show

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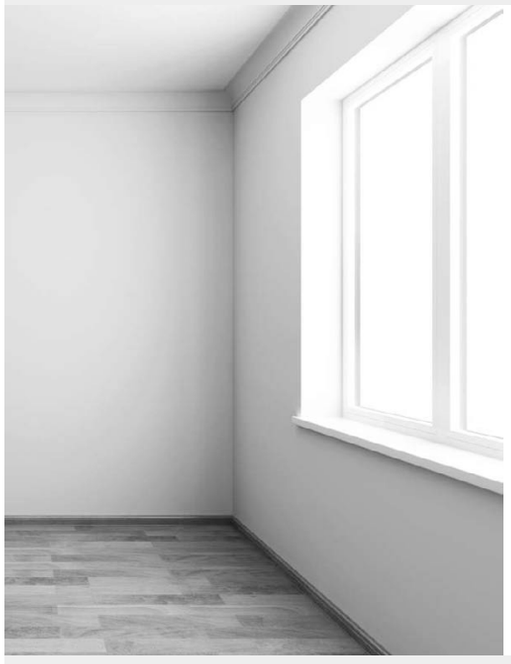

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Ancient: Walton Road was never designed for the volume of traffic now using it, according to Wavendon parish councillors including Jim Pittman. The authority is looking to close it to make it safer for pedestrians and to stop congestion in the village

Road closure plan

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PARISH councillors want to close a busy rat run in a village to help ease congestion.

Wavendon Parish Council decided at its annual meeting to begin work to close Walton Road through the centre of the village to drivers using it as a cut through. Buses and refuse collection vehicles may still be able to use the road.

Councillors say the lane was never designed for the volume of traffic currently using it – a problem which has been exacerbated by the current roadworks near the Kingston roundabout – and that closing it will make it safer for pedestrians using it to get to the church and nursery.

"Walton Road is an ancient, narrow country lane never designed nor intended to take the volume of traffic that now uses it as a rat run to avoid congestion at the grid road pinch points," said councillor Jim Pittman.

"The current works at the Kingston roundabout have further added to these problems and the development of 3,000 additional dwellings will make the situation untenable moving forward."

He added that he wants a solution to ensure the viability of the community amenities accessed via the road and that the parish council is preparing a petition for Walton Road residents to sign that will be delivered to Milton Keynes Council in September.

"We're happy with whatever the village feels is right," said Caroline Ward, head of Little Oaks Community Nursery based in Walton Road.

Should the road be closed? Tell us online www.mkweb.co.uk

Good sports get pavilion opened

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER a four year struggle, a community association is looking forward to finally re-opening its sports pavilion.

The popular Conniburrow Community Centre, which was used for social, religious and sporting activities by residents, as well as a nursery, was burnt down in an arson attack in August 2010.

Although the building, in Conniburrow Boulevard, was rebuilt in December 2012, the neighbouring sports pavilion still needed renovating.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Conniburrow Community Association (CCA) was awarded £50,000 Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund to help replace the community centre and create a hub for sporting activities at the pavilion.

CCA director Joy Cowell said: "We have been working on this for the past four years and now have a grade one, top level pavilion.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, but we are glad that the facility is back for the community with lots of activities to enjoy, including softball, baseball and football."

Sports pavilion: CCA members with Joy Cowell, *second from right*

The pavilion will open from September and the CCA is inviting local sport teams and groups to make bookings. There will also be after school clubs for children.

Milton Keynes Council has worked in partnership with the CCA to reopen the pavilion. A spokesman said: "The pavilion will provide high quality sports facilities for years to come."

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Parks in MK flying the flag for quality

BY JAMES AVERILL
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Simply the best: Chepstow Local Park has been given a Green Flag, along with Leon Recreation Ground and Eaglestone park

PARKS in the city have made it onto the list of the best open green spaces in the UK.

Leon Recreation Ground and Chepstow Local Park, both in Bletchley, and Eaglestone Local Park have all been given a Green Flag award.

The accolade is handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy and is a sign to visitors that the space boasts the 'highest possible standards'.

There are 1,476 parks that have received the flag, which recognises them as the 'best in the UK'.

Milton Keynes Council is responsible for the recreation ground and Eaglestone park.

Mick Legg, cabinet member responsible for the public realm, which includes parks, said: "Milton Keynes prides itself on having more than 44million trees with green space making up 40 per cent of the borough.

"This award recognises and highlights that people in the borough are benefitting from green spaces of the very highest quality and we're delighted that these parks will continue to fly the Green Flag for Milton Keynes."

Simon Rose is the parks and environment officer for West Bletchley Council, which now looks after Chepstow park.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted.

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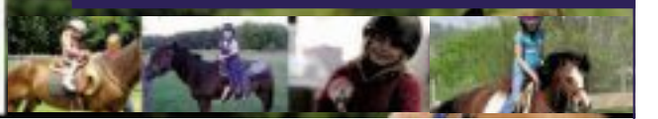

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MK BUSINESS

The queen of floral blooms at centre:mk

A POPULAR designer and global lifestyle brand will open a permanent store in the city.

Cath Kidston will be joining the retail line up at the centre:mk following the huge success of the brand's pop-up kiosk at the shopping centre last Christmas.

The 2,570sq ft store is due to open in Silbury Arcade this autumn. It will be next to House of Fraser and the recently announced White Company's flagship store.

Chris McKendrick, commercial director at Cath Kidston, said: "The success of our pop-up last year demonstrated what an ideal location the centre:mk is for our brand.

"Moreover, Milton Keynes has its own special history as a city where the traditional meets the modern and so is the perfect place to bring to life the unique Cath Kidston concept of modern vintage."

Established in 1993, the brand now has more than 60 UK locations, as well as stores abroad in over 12 countries.

The stores stock a wide range of homeware, accessories, women's fashion, and Cath Kids products with well recognised patterns, including flowers.

Speaking on behalf of the centre:mk's joint owners, Hermes Real Estate and AustralianSuper, Ed Sellick, asset manager at Hermes Real Estate, said: "We are thrilled Cath Kidston is returning to the centre:mk with a permanent store.

"The brand is highly successful, has a great heritage and perfectly matches the centre:mk's visitor and catchment profile."

Dressing it up: Wedding broker Aleema Jaffer from West Bletchley surrounded by gowns at Estilo Moda Bridal shop in Broughton

'Aisle help cancelled wedding day to pay'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A WOMAN has set up the first UK-based company that takes the financial sting out of a cancelled wedding.

The Wedding Broker UK, set up by Aleema Jaffer from West Bletchley, helps couples that have to cancel their wedding by offering them the opportunity to sell their package on to others wishing to get married at short notice or at a discounted rate.

An estimated 25,000 weddings are cancelled in the UK every year and the average cost of a big day is about £18,000.

Because people tend to arrange their wedding months, if not years, in advance and make staged payments to suppliers leading up to it, if something goes wrong huge amounts of money can be lost.

The 31-year-old came up with the idea after visiting an American website, which has been offering a similar service for a few years.

"It seemed to me to be a really great idea and after a lot of research I decided to launch my own version of the service in the UK," said Aleema.

"People who have to cancel their wedding, for whatever reason, are already heartbroken and having to face a huge financial loss for a day that will never happen. At the same time there are couples wanting to get married fairly quickly who can't find a suitable date and venue, or maybe can't afford their dream wedding.

"By reselling the cancelling couple's wedding, it helps everyone."

Couples wishing to use The Wedding Broker UK's service have to fill in a simple form on the company's website and are then contacted by Aleema who will look for a suitable match.

The service is confidential and there is no charge to the couple cancelling their wedding.

■ To find out more visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**

Firm is driving forward with £1m expansion

A TRUCK and van business has invested more than £1million as part of a major expansion programme.

Brian Currie, which has operated in Milton Keynes since 1975, has opened a new Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles van centre creating five new jobs, with more expected later this year.

The 1.2-acre Bleak Hall Van Centre was given its seal of approval last Tuesday by Rose Butterworth, head of customer quality and network development at Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles UK, who officially opened the doors to customers.

The company employs more than 150 people and operates nine truck and van dealerships across Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Brian Currie said: "We are continually monitoring the ever-changing demands of the truck and van industry to ensure we offer the very best service.

"This is our first Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles site so we are delighted to be introducing the brand to our portfolio.

"It will enable the business to enter new markets and provide a more comprehensive service for van operators in the area."

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MKBUSINESS

The world is on our doorstep as MK goes global

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MILTON Keynes is once again in the economic spotlight after a report revealed the city has the highest proportion of international businesses in the country outside of London.

The UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) report heaps praise on the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) – of which Milton Keynes is a key player – with more than 3,000 jobs either created or secured with foreign companies in the region over the past year.

Recent success stories in Milton Keynes include the arrival of French bakery giants Brioche Pasquier, which will create hundreds of jobs, and the expansion of Volkswagen's financial services arm.

Over the last financial year the city has been responsible for 17 foreign business relocations and acquisitions.

Milton Keynes Council's inward investment team has been pivotal in attracting international businesses to the city.

Pam Gosal, head of corporate economic development and inward investment, said: "We play a vital role in attracting and retaining companies from abroad, as well as the domestic market, providing crucial information on locations, demographics and other associated factors which decide whether a company will say 'yes' or 'no' to coming to Milton Keynes."

Cllr Rob Middleton, the cabinet member responsible for resources, efficiency and growth, said: "As international businesses increasingly make Milton Keynes their UK home, our reputation as the engine room of the SEMLEP regional economy becomes ever stronger.

"Over the coming months, we are committed to ensuring that the benefits of new international investment are felt far and wide, through well-paid jobs and greater opportunities for our community of small businesses."

The latest news follows last month's praise for Milton Keynes by independent think-tank Centre for Cities.

It was the fifth consecutive time the city had been highlighted for its economic strength.

Beautiful beads: Sarah Jane Wilson shows off some of her award-winning collection that will feature on the catwalk

Jewellery a real gem of an idea

A JEWELLERY maker has beaten off stiff competition to win a prestigious award for her handmade collection.

Sarah Jane Wilson, from Bradwell Common, will have her statement stone jewellery modelled on the catwalk of fashion event Olympia London.

It comes after she was awarded an Editor's Choice award for the most innovative collection at the International Jewellery London competition by Claire Adler, a jewellery and luxury journalist.

She said: "I am over the moon at winning the Editor's Choice Award. It recognises the unique and innovative way that I put my jewellery together.

"It is amazing to be recognised in this way by such a prestigious authority."

Sarah Jane beat off a huge number of entries in the most innovative collection category – which was new for this year – with her A/W14 Aquadrama Collection.

It was inspired by the mythical depths of the ocean with an emphasis on organic rock and stone formations.

As well as stocking it in certain city stores, she also caters for private clients who can have unique pieces of jewellery made right in front of them.

Beware of the cyber risks

PRIVATE equity backed businesses should adopt an agile approach to their cyber security measures to avoid emerging risks to the value of their company and related investment.

That is the warning from the Milton Keynes branch of PwC. It comes as the latest Information Security Breaches Survey 2014, commissioned by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and carried out by PwC, reveals the scale and cost of cyber security breaches has almost doubled in a year.

Although there are fewer breaches overall, the severity and impact of attacks has increased.

Steve Kentish, private equity leader at PwC in Milton Keynes, said: "Combatting this risk is of particular importance to private equity backed companies, where there is a focus on securing the maximum value prior to any future exit.

"Anything that poses a risk to realising this value can have a devastating impact."

Watt an achievement for Colin

Hard at work: Electrician Colin Harris has won a third ITRE award

AN ELECTRICIAN has won a national engineering award for the third year in a row.

Colin Harris, 41, who works for Arriva at its Milton Keynes depot, won the top scoring electrical technician award in the Institute of Road Transport Engineering Challenges (ITRE).

Among his prizes was a top-notch tool kit.

MKBUSINESS BRIEFS

Currying favour in cup

AN INDIAN restaurant has been highly commended in the Tiffan Cup competition at the House of Commons. The Jalori Indian Cuisine in Woburn Sands was nominated by MP Iain Stewart. At a ceremony at the Palace of Westminster owner Abdul Hai met celebrity chef Ainsley Harriott.

£50million turnover

A LAW firm has achieved a record turnover for the 19th consecutive year. City based Shakespeares broke through the £50million barrier for the first time in 2013-14 – a 25 per cent increase on last year's figures. The firm is one of the fastest growing in the UK and has plans to further expand in Milton Keynes and the rest of the country.

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Furthermore you can now not only transfer Cash ISAs into Equity ISAs but you can also transfer Equity ISAs into Cash ISAs!

Confused? Well what do you expect from government simplification of the rules?

We have noticed a lot of clients transferring their existing Cash ISAs into Equity ISAs for some time now. Basically they are fed up with getting such low returns from their ISAs.

Tony Byrne
Financial Planning Director
Chartered and Certified Financial Planner
and author of Wealth Magic

Many people are unaware that you can transfer existing ISAs to another ISA provider without losing the tax free status of the ISA and without it affecting your annual ISA contribution allowance of £15K per person.

I had a review meeting with an existing client recently. Let's call her Sally. She has £134,195 in bank and building society accounts most of which is in fixed term Cash ISAs earning interest rates of 2.3%-2.75% with one account earning 3%. Most of her cash is tied up until maturity dates in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

In the last 2 years and 8 months Sally and her husband have achieved average annual returns of 5.38%-7.07% net of all charges in an ISA using our Wealth Investment Strategy (WIS). This is an extra return of more than 100% when compared to her Cash ISAs. What's more Sally's Equity ISA with us is accessible within 2 weeks unlike her Cash ISAs! Furthermore there is more investor protection with WIS than with bank deposits! Needless to say she has decided to transfer her Cash ISAs when each one matures.

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Contact: Paul Davies

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For Sale

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Contact: Roger Yates

MKBUSINESS

Festival does the business

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MORE people than ever before visited Milton Keynes International Festival (IF) – and it was great for local businesses.

That is the verdict of Dr Ann Limb, who is chairman of IF but also heads the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

This year's festival smashed all previous audience engagement and box office records, making it the biggest and most successful IF to date.

Many shows sold out and 25,000 people paid to attend the ticketed events, compared with 18,000 in 2012.

Dr Limb said: "The impact of the festival was much more widely felt in 2014.

"Placing a national and international spotlight on Milton Keynes, the festival has engaged with more residents and tourists than ever before, which is great news for businesses, our local economy and Milton Keynes as a destination.

"People have enjoyed a much busier programme of free events and encountered a range of installations as they have gone about their daily lives – all created to encourage us to see a different side to Milton Keynes."

The higher footfall will mean that high hopes are harboured that the economic boost to Milton Keynes will be higher than the £4.2million generated at the 2012 festival.

More detailed figures highlighting the festival's success are expected to be released in the next couple of months.

The festival – for which MK NEWS and MKWeb were media partners – also hosted the inaugural Visitor Economy Conference on its opening day.

The aim was to give businesses involved in the tourism sector the opportunity to find out what the visitor economy entails and why it is so important to the city.

The event welcomed keynote speaker James Berresford, chief executive of VisitEngland, who also officially launched MK's Destination Management Plan, which looks at how the visitor economy will be managed throughout the city over the next 10 years.

Key speaker: Dr Ann Limb at the launch of the Destination Management Plan at the IF Festival

Steven Gordon-Wilson, chief executive of Destination MK, said: "This inaugural event was a fantastic start to what will hopefully be a regular event in the MK business calendar. All our guest speakers gave an important insight into the visitor economy."

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Nampak gets ticked off

NEWPORT Pagnell-based Nampak Plastics, the UK's leading producer of plastic milk bottles, has been awarded a Big Tick at the Business in the Community's Responsible Business Awards. In achieving the tick, the firm is now endorsed as a responsible business.

Lloyd is top man at LSH

COMMERCIAL property consultancy Lambert Smith Hampton (LSH) has appointed Lloyd Spencer as the new head of office in Milton Keynes.

MP Iain pays A4e a visit

MILTON Keynes MP Iain Stewart visited Action for Employment (A4e) this month. A4e, based in CMK, delivers the Work Programme in Milton Keynes on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions. The programme provides support and training to long-term unemployed people to help them find work. More at **www.mkweb.co.uk.**

Employment campaign

A NEW campaign is being launched to help young people into employment. REED NCFE partnership will work alongside MK College to connect learners with employers. The '3 x' campaign will help young people by providing them with specialist training and jobs advice.

Subway fills empty town shop

A FAST food restaurant will create up to 15 jobs when it opens in a town this month.

The news Subway will be opening in Newport Pagnell's High Street has been welcomed by the town's business association, which said it will mean 'one less vacant shop'.

It will be opened by franchisee Vimal Patel and his brother Virat.

He said: "I can confirm that we will be opening a new Subway store in Newport Pagnell in mid-August that will create between 10 and 15 part and full time jobs in the area.

"The new store will be myself and my brother's sixth Subway in the area, having opened our first store back in 2005."

Brian Rudd, chairman of the Newport Pagnell Business Association, said: "I am pleased we have one less vacant shop as we do have a few still in the town.

"I believe Subway were looking to move here two to three years ago so it is good they have now been able to.

"Because it is situated at the end of the High Street I do not think it will affect the other cafes and sandwich stores that are well established and situated in the heart of the town."

Check out new warehouse

Impressed: David Jones from Waitrose looks around the store's huge distribution centre, which is being erected at Magna Park

MK NEWS has been given a sneak peak at the new Waitrose Distribution Centre in Magna Park.

The 940,000sq ft building is the supermarket's largest construction project and its first national distribution centre. Construction of the building, which is the size of 23 football pitches, started in March and is due to end in November. See more at **www.mkweb.co.uk/business**

Are you Britain's top role model?

A CITY business is holding a competition to recognise and reward the nation's top entrepreneurial talent.

Now in its fourth year, the Britain's Top Real Role Model campaign organised by Amway, based in Caldecotte, is focussing on women in enterprise.

It is being fronted by fashion designer Savannah Miller, who will be joined by representatives from MK company ABO and award-winning entrepreneur Sally Brinner to judge the contest.

The winning entrant will receive £5,000 to put towards their business goal.

The deadline for nominations is August 11. To take part log onto www.britainstoprealrolemodel.co.uk.

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IT'S A BUG'S LIFE Tue 5 Aug
Discover the minibeasts living in the parks around you. **Booking essential**. **Walton Lake** 10am-12pm £3

BIOBLITZ Sat 9 – Sun 10 Aug
Pond dipping, minibeast hunts, guided wildlife walks and talks. **Stony Stratford Nature Reserve** Free

TRY FISHING Tue 12 Aug
Join MK Angling Association and learn about different fish and how to catch them. **Booking essential**. **Furzton Lake,** timed slots £3/child

PARKLAND PLAY IN SIMPSON Thu 14 Aug
Ouzel Valley Park 1pm-3pm Free

PROMS IN THE PARK Fri 15 Aug
Join us and Milton Keynes City Orchestra for an evening of classical favourites and fireworks.
Campbell Park 8pm £12/adult £8/child £32/family

JAWS – DRIVE IN MOVIE Sat 16 Aug
Booking essential. **Campbell Park** 7pm £15/car

OPEN AIR FILM FESTIVAL Sun 17 Aug
Toy Story 2, Hook, Top Gun. **Campbell Park** various times Free

PARKLAND PLAY IN BROOKLANDS Wed 20 Aug
Join the rangers for a family fun afternoon with games and activities. **Brooklands** 1pm-3pm Free

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Wind back in its sails

Above: One of the sails laid out ready
Below: A sail is lifted into place

Waking the windmill: The last sail is fitted

A PROJECT to bring an historic landmark back to life has moved another step towards completion.

On Thursday, the sails were fitted to Bradwell Windmill with the addition of electric motors, which will mean flour can be made even when there's no wind.

Looked after by Milton Keynes Museum, the windmill will reopen to the public in September in time for the annual Open Heritage Days event.

Milton Keynes Council has spent more than £140,000 restoring the Grade 11-listed windmill.

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MK DONS FC 2014-15 PETE WINKELMAN CHAIRMAN

MK DONS chairman Pete Winkelman has reiterated how vital it is for the club to win promotion in order to grow the level of support in football in the city.

He isn't sure how the club could get promoted, whether that be as champions or through the playoffs, but he does accept that the only way to get more fans on seats at stadiummk is to achieve success on the field.

"It's an important season for us as it's our 10th anniversary season," said Winkelman.

"We've achieved a hell of a lot over the years but we've still got to get ourselves at least into the Championship and promotion remains our aim.

"I think it's really clear that you're not going to grow football in Milton Keynes unless you can bring some success.

"We have no culture of football in the city and we're trying to develop that.

"We've got a fantastic young fan base and what they want to see is a successful team so I'm under no illusions.

"We've had to get the infrastructure right and I think we've done a very good job on that but now it comes to making sure that we can go forward with the team, which isn't as easy as it sounds.

"I think we give it a go and say go on then, what can we do this year?

"I don't want to judge where we'll be yet and there is still work to do in the transfer window - we still haven't got everybody we want but I think we'll have a very competitive team by the time the season starts."

There has been an element of change at the club in the close season, with senior players such as Stephen Gleeson, Alan Smith and Izale McLeod leaving the club and Winkelman says there is still work to be done to bring more players in.

But as well as bringing new players in, he is hoping that injuries will not play as cruel a part as they have done for the last two seasons.

"Let's hope we can have an injury free season as well because I do think that's something which has completely undermined us for the last couple of years," he said.

"We're trying to get quality players into the team and it's not about numbers, it's about what they can do on the pitch.

"There's more change now and some of our stalwart players have left the club, which I think gives us a little bit of room in the squad for a fresh injection of energy and enthusiasm, but there are still some fantastic long-serving players such as Dean Lewington.

"When you have success lots of things come together and you can't always plan for those.

"While I'm absolutely aiming for promotion I'm not going to put that pressure on the players because there's an awful long way to go between now and then.

"A lot can happen in a season and what was remarkable about last season was that we were still in with a shout with a few games to go and that was one of the worst years we've had for a while."

While there are no big clubs in the league such as Wolves, Winkelman thinks this season is still going to be a tough one for Dons.

"It's more of a level playing field but there are still some big clubs - Bristol City have probably the biggest budget of everyone," he said.

"Sheffield United are another very big club and coming down you've got Barnsley who were survivors in the Championship for a good few years, and then you've got our great rivals Peterborough who have already made a couple of good signings.

"There are a half-dozen teams with a great shout and there's always one or two who you're not thinking about who get there."

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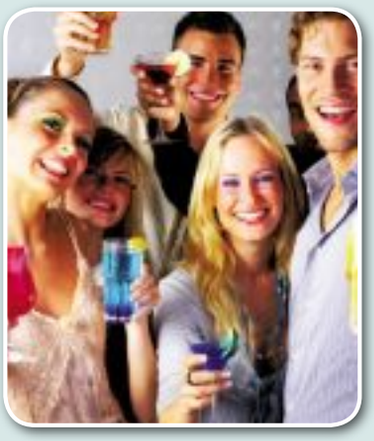

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MK DONS FC 2014-15 KARL ROBINSON MANAGER

MK DONS manager Karl Robinson is expecting League One to be every bit as tough in 2014-15 as it was last season as he launches his fifth bid to win promotion into the Championship.

It has been a summer of change at stadiummk, with senior players such as Stephen Gleeson, Alan Smith and Izale McLeod departing the club. But that has allowed Liverpudlian Robinson to bring fresh faces in, with the likes of winger Danny Green, centre back Kyle McFadzean and striker Tom Hitchcock now on the books, and perhaps it is this changing of the guard that can propel Dons into a promotion winning season.

Robinson is certainly not burdening his players with too many targets at the moment, saying there are no easy games when it comes to League One and his main ambition is for the team to perform, regardless of where that may take the men from MK1.

"Doncaster and Barnsley have been relegated into League One, as well as Yeovil, who are coming down with a lot more experience than they went up with," said Robinson.

"Then there's Leyton Orient, who we're hearing have new owners, Bristol City, Sheffield United, and Chesterfield are spending money, so the league has a lot more stronger, top core teams, which I think means it's going to be a bit of a free-for-all to see how it pans out.

"Gillingham and Peterborough are first up for us, and you don't know how Crawley are going to perform who are up after that.

"Coventry have brought in a lot of players in the summer as well so there are no easy games on paper.

"My ambition is for us to play well this season and to be successful, wherever that may be.

"It's important that we enjoy the team that's playing.

"The players I'm bringing in will be here next year as well and if I can push this team to the limit they will compete if they can stay fit.

"For the first time I've got a chance to build from bottom to top and that's been exciting for the last six months."

Last season may have been a disappointment in terms of the league position, with Dons finishing tenth, although they still entertained playoff hopes even as late as April.

But one player who did not disappoint was central midfielder Dele Alli, and with the 18-year-old having filled out some more during the summer, Robinson is excited about what he and Darren Potter, who was injured towards the end of last season, can do in the middle of the park.

"I look at Dele in there now and it's very exciting - he's a machine," Robinson said.

One of the problems Dons suffered from last season was the state of the pitch, which contributed to Dons going six games without a stadiummk goal.

That has been re-done during the summer, but Robinson says the pitch is also wider, which can help the wingers get past their men more.

"It's nice to play on grass again!" Robinson said.

"Only seven weeks ago it was looking a bit bare so the ground staff have done a wonderful job.

"We've opened the pitch back up again this year and made it bigger this year - having it smaller didn't work last year so we've opened it back up and we do look like we have good wingers who can affect games this year."

But as well as the league games, Robinson still wants his side to do well in the cup competitions.

Having reached the third round of the FA Cup for each of the last three seasons, Robinson wants to continue that run, as well as get past AFC Wimbledon in the first round of the Capital One Cup on Tuesday, August 12.

"The financial implications of the cup games are massive so every game is important," he said.

"I want to win as many games as I possibly can and that's our aim.

"Having AFC in our first game makes it interesting but we'll have to see how that goes."

"My ambition is for us to play well this season and to be successful, wherever that may be".

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Sat Aug 9	**Gillingham** H
Tue Aug12	**AFC Wimbledon** (Capital One Cup 1) H
Sat Aug 16	**Peterborough United** A
Tue Aug 19	**Chesterfield** A
Sat Aug 23	**Coventry City** H
Wed Aug 27	Capital One Cup 2
Sat Aug 30	**Crawley Town** H
Sat Sep 6	**Sheffield United** A
Sat Sep 13	**Barnsley** A
Tue Sep 16	**Bradford City** H
Sat Sep 20	**Crewe Alexandra** H
Wed Sep 24	Capital One Cup 3
Sat Sep 27	**Bristol City** A
Sat Oct 4	**Yeovil Town** A
Sat Oct 11	**Rochdale** H
Sat Oct 18	**Leyton Orient** A
Tue Oct 21	**Fleetwood Town** H
Sat Oct 25	**Doncaster Rovers** A
Wed Oct 29	Capital One Cup 4
Sat Nov 1	**Swindon Town** H
Sat Nov 8	FA Cup 1
Sat Nov 15	**Scunthorpe United** A
Sat Nov 22	**Port Vale** H
Sat Nov 29	**Colchester United** H
Sat Dec 6	F.A. Cup 2
Sat Dec 13	**Preston North End** A
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Fri Dec 26	**Notts County** A
Sun Dec 28	**Walsall** H
Sat Jan 3	**Colchester United** A (FA Cup 3)
Sat Jan 10	**Crawley Town** A
Sat Jan 17	**Sheffield United** H
Wed Jan 21	Capital One Cup semi-final (1)
Sat Jan 24	**Barnsley** H (FA Cup 4)
Wed Jan 28	Capital One Cup semi-final (2)
Sat Jan 31	**Crewe Alexandra** A
Sat Feb 7	**Bristol City** H
Tue Feb 10	**Bradford City** A
Sat Feb 14	**Gillingham** A (FA Cup 5)
Sat Feb 21	**Peterborough United** H
Sat Feb 28	**Coventry City** A
Sun Mar 1	Capital One Cup final
Tue Mar 3	**Chesterfield** H
Sat Mar 7	**Preston North End** H (FA Cup 6)
Sat Mar 14	**Walsall** A
Tue Mar 17	**Oldham Athletic** A
Sat Mar 21	**Notts County** H
Sat Mar 28	**Doncaster Rovers** H
Sat Apr 4	**Swindon Town** A
Mon Apr 6	**Scunthorpe United** H
Sat Apr 11	**Port Vale** A
Tue Apr 14	**Fleetwood Town** A
Sat Apr 18	**Leyton Orient** H (FA Cup semi-final)
Sat Apr 25	**Rochdale** A
Sat May 2	**Yeovil Town** H

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MK DONS FC 2014-15 ADAM FAIERS SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

MK DONS Supporters' Association chairman Adam Faiers believes the club could make the playoffs this season - as long as they are not riddled with injury problems again.

Injuries have proved something of a sticking point to Dons in the last two seasons, with manager Karl Robinson naming just four players on the substitute's bench at times last season, and Faiers believes a consistent team is key if Dons want to realise chairman Pete Winkleman's ambition of reaching the promised land of the Championship.

Adam has taken over the mantle of chairman after John Brockwell stood down and he would like to see the players give everything to the cause this season - something he felt did not always happen in 2013-14.

"Who knows where we will end up this season?" he said.

"We've got a really good squad but the big if is whether those players get injured.

"Last season we finished mid-table, which we deserved, but there were some good games among that so if we can get those games again then we'll be alright.

"I'd like to see them giving everything they can and I think at times they were guilty of maybe not doing that last season. I think the fans were more passionate than them at times.

"They just need to step it up in every game and I think Karl said that himself last season."

Faiers believes that Sheffield United could be a danger side this season following their remarkable run of consecutive victories last season to lift them from the League One relegation zone to the cusp of the playoffs, but Faiers also accepts that without Wolves, the league looks a lot tighter this season than last.

It's certainly a beauty of a start to the season, with Dons entertaining Gillingham and AFC Wimbledon at stadiummk in the first week before a trip to Peterborough United and Faiers said in a choice between either of the latter two games, he would travel to London Road.

"I don't think there's a standout team this season," he said.

"In a choice between AFC and Peterborough if I had to only go to one, I would go to the Peterborough game.

"I think the AFC game will not have the same edge to it as last time, whereas the Peterborough defeats really riled me last season."

One initiative Faiers wants to bring in as chairman is for a young Dons player and teenage fans in the city to set up a Fifa game, while under 12s will have free membership to the supporters' association this season.

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Wiz kids excited about new show

The Wiz: Luke Canavan, who will play the lead role in the production at MK Theatre

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YOUNG actors are looking forward to their big moment on stage when they perform at Milton Keynes Theatre.

None more so than Luke Canavan, who will be playing the title role in The Wiz when it hits the stage on Friday and Saturday.

The 17-year-old from Wavendon Gate has appeared as part of the ensemble in The Wiz in previous years, but admitted he is feeling nervous about playing the lead role.

"I'm excited but nervous about living up to it," said the performing arts student from Walton High School.

"I'm looking forward to the experience, it's a great production which is uplifting."

The Wiz is a musical version of the Wizard of Oz that sets Dorothy's adventures to a mixture of rock, gospel and soul music.

There are about 100 children and young people aged between 10 and 21 from the city featuring in the performance, after they took part in two weeks of open auditions.

MK College student, Tim Bedford, 18, who plays the role of The Messenger, said: "It'll be great for the CV and it was definitely worthwhile auditioning for it!"

The Wiz will be performed on Friday at 7pm and on Saturday at 2pm and 7pm.

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By Sam Potter

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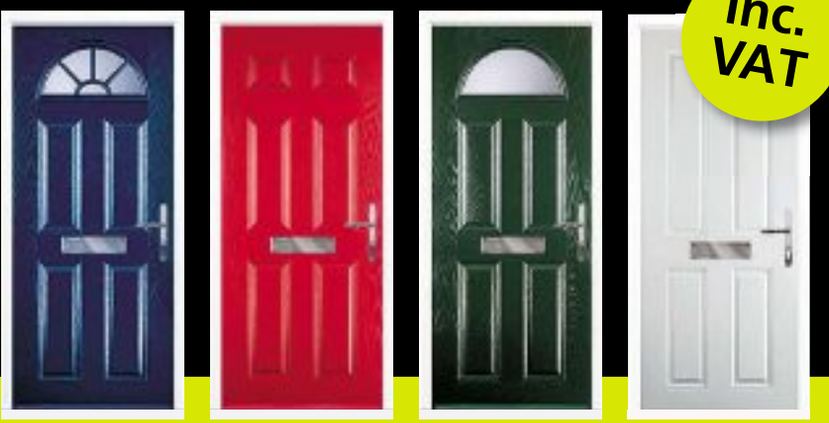

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familyaction

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friendlystaff

IT'S Saturday night and the last thing you want to do is cook, so with it being pay day my girlfriend and I thought we'd go for a meal out, writes Scott Kirk.

We fancied a night out around The Hub, so we ate at the Stateside American Grille in Midsummer Boulevard and I must say that the staff were incredibly friendly, even commenting on how my girlfriend's dress looked. Whether that was just for a tip I don't know, but a bit of flattery can never go amiss!

I was rather taken aback when the other half ordered a Grounds for Divorce, before realising it was a cocktail, which was lovely.

We shared a calamari starter, which I felt was a bit too plain. There was only one sauce with it and I just felt a bit of something else was needed.

For my main I had a delicious pork burger with garlic mash, while my girlfriend had a chicken dish, which I felt was a tad dry, but she enjoyed it. And her chips were sublime, so much so that I had more of them than she did!

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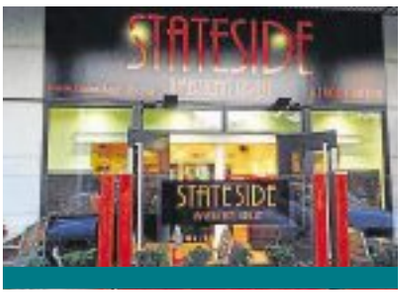

idlewild

FANS go wild at the news that their favourite band has, after four years, ceased to be idle!

Okay, puns aside, this is good news for dedicated followers of the Scottish indie-rockers who haven't performed live together since 2010. In November last year they were back in the studio recording their eighth album, to be released next year. In the meantime Idelwild are playing three, acoustic, gigs in England, one of which is at The Stables on Thursday, August 21. Expect old favourites, new ideas and a lot of fun making music.

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Thu 7 Aug
RANGER RAMBLE
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Sat 9 Aug
BARK IN THE PARK
Meet at Campbell Park Pavilion, Silbury Boulevard. **Campbell Park 10am £1/dog**

Sat 9 – Sun 10 Aug
'BIOBLITZ'
NATURE RESERVE SURVEY DAY
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Tue 12 Aug
WOODLAND PLAY
Go to **www.mkpa.co.uk** for details. Park in the car park on Enfield Chase, off V7 Saxon Street. **Linford Wood 10.30am – 12pm £1/child**

Thu 14 Aug
PARKLAND PLAY IN SIMPSON
Park in the car park on Simpson Road, Simpson. **Ouzel Valley Park 1pm – 3pm Free**

Fri 15 Aug
PROMS IN THE PARK
Recommended parking at CMK Shopping Centre. **Campbell Park Gates open at 6.30pm. Concert begins at 8pm £12/Adult £8/Child £32/Family**

Sun 17 Aug
OPEN AIR FILM FESTIVAL
Free films at 1pm, 3pm and 6pm. Recommended parking at CMK Shopping Centre. **Campbell Park Free**

Tue 26 – Sat 30 Aug
CHILDREN'S WEEK
Fun holiday activities. Park at Willen South, V10 Brickhill St. Parking charges apply. **Willen Lake South. Some activities will have a small charge.**

Sat 30 Aug
OPEN AIR FAMILY THEATRE
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Park at Willen South, V10 Brickhill St. Parking charges apply. **Willen Lake South Gates open at 3pm Performance begins at 4pm £12/Adult £8/Child £32/Family**

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Top: Hendrick Goltzius, *Icarus* (1588);
Right: Neri di Bicci: *The fall of the rebel angels with St Michael fighting the dragon* (detail). C.1480. Images courtesy the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

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filmreview

A BUNCH of unconventional oddballs are Marvel's latest unlikely heroes as Guardians of the Galaxy burst on to the big screen.

It's refreshing to see a film that doesn't take itself too seriously but is still able to deliver witty one-liners, fast paced action and emotional undertones within a great story.

Chris Pratt plays intergalactic outlaw Star-Lord (aka Peter Quill) whose sarcastic exterior hides personal tragedy. Abducted from earth after his mother died of cancer, Quill is whisked to the far reaches of the galaxy where years later he steals a mysterious orb.

After learning of its power and the villainous groups eager to get their hands on it, he teams up with a ragtag crew in an epic quest to save the galaxy.

The huge tree creature Groot is both ruthless and adorable, the muscle bound Drax is fighting for revenge, the strange and alluring Gamora has plenty of hidden secrets and the cunning racoon Rocket just wants to blow things up.

The villain Ronan is a bit of a cliché, a tyrant with a thirst for power who wants to destroy the universe, but we do get a tantalising glimpse of titan Thanos and hints at future run-ins.

It's frantic, crazy action that is down-right fun and well timed humour shows just how clever the writing is. We've seen glimpses of Marvel's comedy in Captain America, Ironman and Thor, but Guardians of the Galaxy takes it further and roles with all the comical punches.

It's an exciting sci-fi romp with plenty of humorous banter and wit that elevates it above other Marvel offerings.

★★★★★

Rachael West

JAMES Frost, MD of Frosts Garden Centre, gives his latest tips on how you can look after your lawn in the summer season. You can read the article in full at www.mkweb.co.uk

NOW is the time to start reaping the reward of your hard work in the edible garden, as you start and continue to harvest vegetable and fruit crops.

In addition to this, once the main crop of raspberries have finished, you should prune out the old fruited canes at the base of the plant.

Strawberries can also have their runners cut off and either potted up or planted out in a new bed ready for cropping in a couple of seasons.

Your flower garden will require some attendance, especially if the weather is very hot. Ensure plants are watered regularly, especially new plants and those in containers.

Flowers that have finished can be dead-headed on a regular basis so that energy goes back into the roots and not producing seed.

Plants such as hardy geraniums that have flowered well all over summer can be cut back hard to produce a new flush of foliage and possibly flowers for the autumn.

Certain climbers will need maintenance during the summer. Clematis can be trimmed if it has finished flowering.

nauticalmystery

I WAS a bit worried that there would be too much boat, or nautical, jargon when I first started reading Clive Cussler's The Spy, writes Scott Kirk.

But I needn't have been too concerned because Cussler's writing style is exceptional.

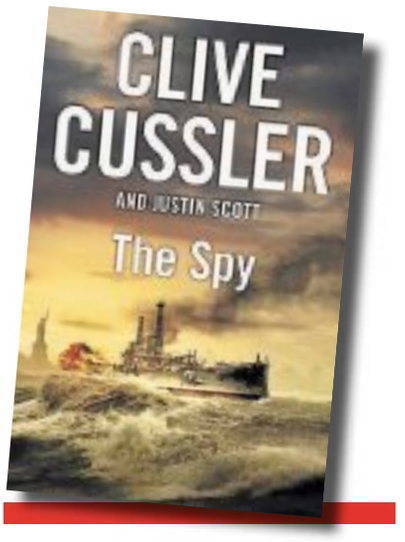
Set in 1908, with international tension rising ahead of the world wars, an American gunship designer is murdered, with the death made to look like a suicide.

A detective agency is called in to investigate, but when more battleship designers die, a conspiracy emerges.

The pace of the book moves along at a fair clip, or knots I should say, and the action sequences are described very well.

Yes Cussler clearly enjoys his battleships, but there are some great twists and turns to the narrative and the characters are very believable.

Thriller seekers should definitely read this book – it's pretty good!



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variety show

GET ready to party as the nation's favourite rock 'n' roll variety show returns to Milton Keynes Theatre.

That'll Be The Day will feature a fresh line-up of classic gold hits from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, plus more hilarious comedy.

Prepare for an unforgettable night of nostalgia, laughs and rock 'n' roll on Sunday from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost between £20.40 and £27.90 at www.atgtickets.com

children's day

ENJOY a variety of activities at Experience the Country.

Ranked number one in the best places to go in MK by TripAdvisor, the centre will be holding Children's Days until August 20.

Running from 10am to 4pm they are jam-packed with army truck rides, segways, archery, bushcraft and team building. Tickets cost £29 per child aged eight to 14.

Visit www.experiencethecountry.co.uk to book.

tea dance

GLIDE along to a 1940s themed Tea Dance.

Dance your socks off with live music from Pete Wayre on Saturday. There will also be stalls, sandwiches, cakes and drinks. Doors to the event, at The Olney Centre, open at 7pm and tickets cost £18 for adults and £8 for children. To book call 07970 601780.

new art

TAKE a look at work by some of 2014's art graduates.

The students, who live in the city, will be showcasing sculpture, mixed media installation, extreme knitting and painting at the Westbury Arts Centre in Shenley Wood.

An open afternoon for the free exhibition will take place from 2-4pm on Saturday.

film club

JUNIOR Filmmakers will be holding a Children's Animation Day this weekend.

Use plasticine to make animated characters for your film that your family and friends can watch. The event for seven to 17-year-olds takes place on Saturday from 9am-5pm and costs £40.

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Bath and Colours of the Cotswolds

A feast of Autumn glories!
Departing 24 October 2014 & 23 October 2015

Visit the wonderful city of Bath and explore The National Arboretum at Westonbirt, recently voted one of the thirty most unmissable sights in the world, and at its best when ablaze with glorious Autumn colour. You'll also enjoy a tour of the rolling hills and honey-coloured stone villages of the Cotswolds.

Our price includes

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- Entrance and guided walk at Westonbirt
- A tour of the Cotswolds
- Coach travel throughout
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Brussels & Bruges Christmas Markets

A fantastic value festive break
Departing 5 December 2014

Visit two of Belgium's most famous cities and soak up all the magic of their enchanting Christmas markets! Brussels is flooded with festive cheer as traditional wooden chalets adorn the streets, and you simply couldn't get a more beautiful setting for a Christmas market than medieval Bruges!

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- A visit to the Christmas market in Bruges
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London Festival of Welsh Male Voice Choirs

At the Royal Albert Hall
Departing 18 October 2014

Take your seat in the glorious setting of the Royal Albert Hall for an unforgettable evening as 13 guest choirs from across the UK, Norway and South Africa will join the London Welsh Male Voice Choir and raise the roof of this famous venue.

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Ironbridge Gorge Victorian Christmas

A journey into the past
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PROPERTY NEWS

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Shenley Brook End

BIRCH House is a substantial five-bedroom, contemporary, detached home occupying a good sized plot within this exclusive development.

Pitched roof dormers under a clay plain tile roof and feature brickwork emulate the elegance and architecture of the existing farmhouse.

This home offers flexible accommodation with a galleried landing making the entrance to this property spacious and light.

The sitting room has an open fireplace with wood burning stove and feature oak lintel and there are doors leading to the patio to the rear.

The large family room also has doors giving direct access to the patio area.

There is an impressive kitchen, which has been designed to create a practical yet convivial focal point to this delightful modern home. There is a further reception room, utility and cloakroom.

On the first floor is a master bedroom with en-suite, four further bedrooms, two of which have an en-suite, and a family bathroom.

There is an integral double garage with electrically operated doors approached via a block paved driveway, offering parking for three cars, and a good sized garden.

For more information about this property, on the market for £825,000, call Taylors New Homes on 01908 677227.

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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

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- Double Carport

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Woburn Sands

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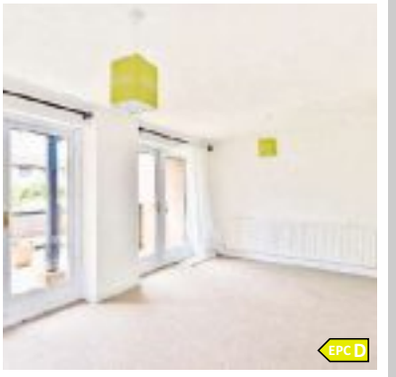

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- Link Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
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Great Linford OIEO £240,000
- Detached Property
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- Garden & Garage

Milton Keynes £250,000
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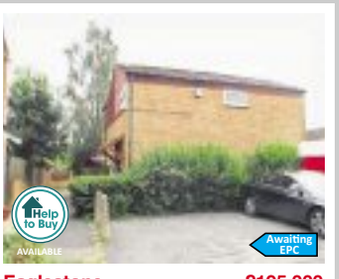

Eaglestone £195,000
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- Extended Accommodation
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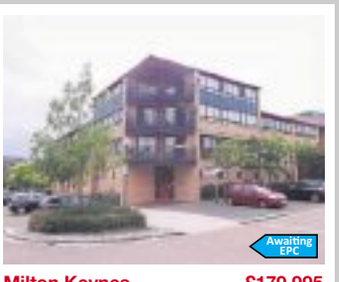
- Garage & Gardens

Heelands £190,000
- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Stantonbury £185,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room& Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Neath Hill £180,000
- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen



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- Reception Room
- Bathroom
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Stantonbury £160,000
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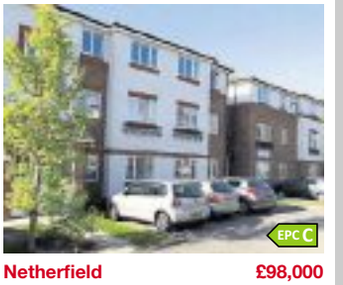
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage



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- Front & Rear Gardens & Garage

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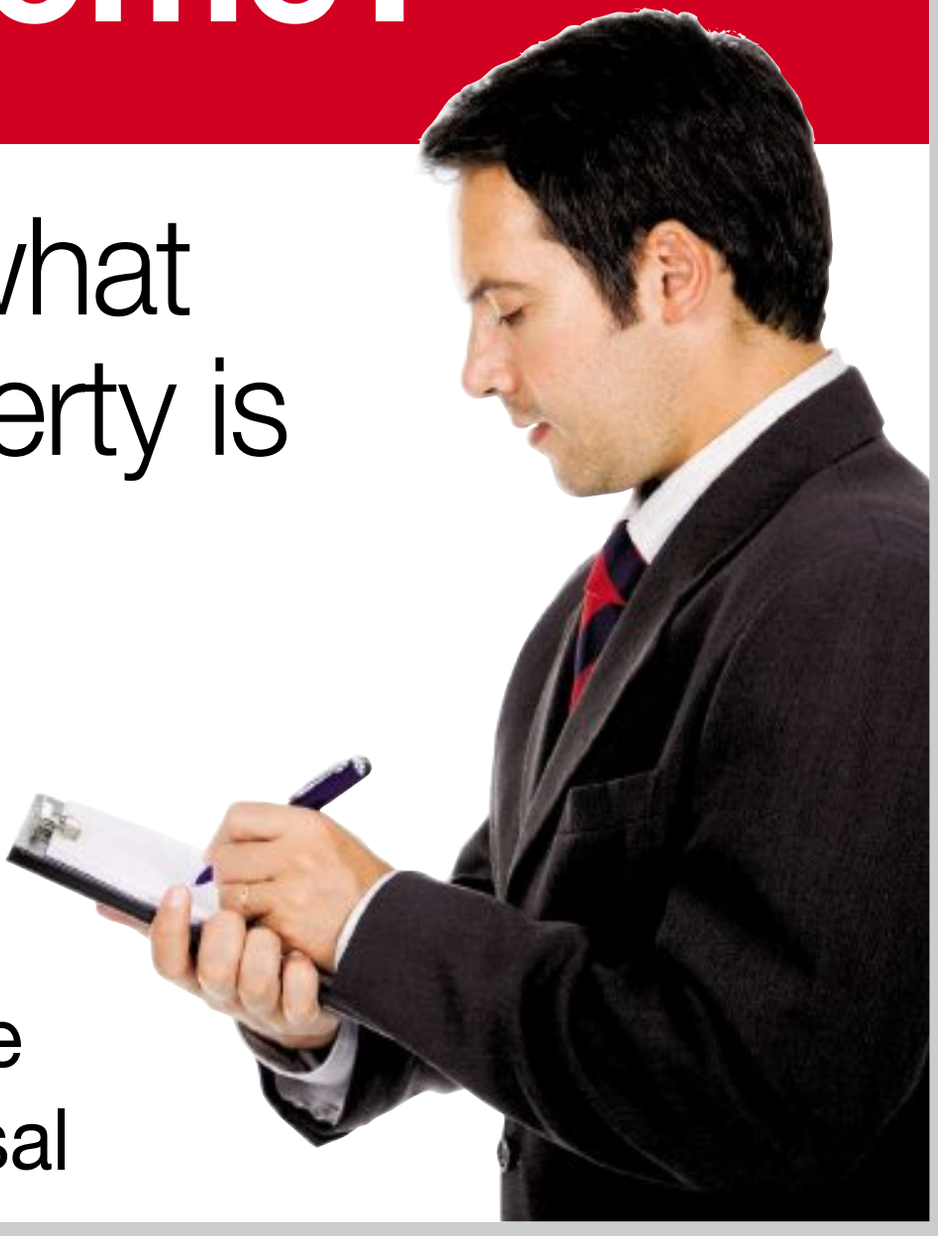

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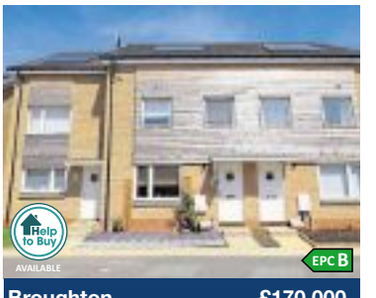
Greenleys **£170,000**

Three bedroom semi detached house in the area of Greenleys. The property briefly comprises WC, lounge/diner, kitchen and family bathroom. Outside there is front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.



Broughton **£170,000**

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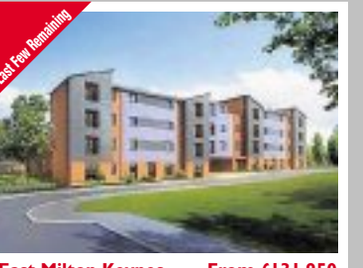

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This apartments located at Walton Grange are ideally suited for first time buyers, investors, those requiring commuter links, good school catchment, proximity to local lakes and parkland. The modern open plan living area boasts high quality kitchen with fitted units, oven and hob. The bathrooms are finished to a high standard with a choice of tiles available. Walton Grange is located close to Caldecotte Lake is and a short drive from the vibrant city of Milton Keynes, offering a wide range of shopping, restaurants, cinema, theatre, and night life.

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Must View

South Milton keynes £265,000

The Crofton is a three bedroom townhouse appeaingl to growing families or professional couples. The entrance hallway leads to a living/dining room with French doors to the garden. There's also a fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, a guest cloakroom.A spacious double bedroom,and a family bathroom are located off the first floor landing.
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Corner Plot

South Milton Keynes £270.000

With an appealing L-shaped layout, the 3 bedroom Tildale has plenty of space for families. The kitchen/dining room both lead through French doors to the private rear garden. Upstairs, the landing leads to the en suite master bedroom, a further double bedroom, a third bedroom which could alternatively be used as a study, nursery or playroom, and a main bathroom. HELP TO BUY is available on this property.

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Central Milton Keynes £299,500

An immaculate five bedroom town house situated on the sought after Broughton area. The property's accommodation spreads over three floors and is ideal for family living. Nearby are local schools and shops. Broughton offers good road links to the M1 and a short drive to Central Milton Keynes.

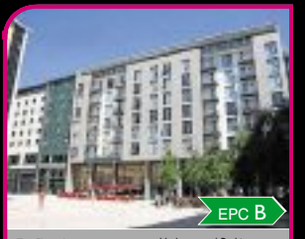
Broughton Offers in Excess £300,000

An immaculately presented, spacious and light detached home with the added benefits of separate reception rooms, kitchen with utility room, three bedrooms, en suite to master bedroom, single garage, car port and off road parking. The property is located within walking distance of local amenities.

Bradville £269,950

- No Above Chain
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Single Garage
- Rear Garden

Westcroft £274,950



- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Balcony
- Underground Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Good Condition Throughout
- Panaromic Views

The Hub £215,000

- Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- No Above Chain

Beanhill £149,995

- Maisonette
- Ground Floor
- Two Bedrooms
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- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Tenant In Situ

Stantonbury £110,000

- 30% Shared Ownership
- Modern Apartment
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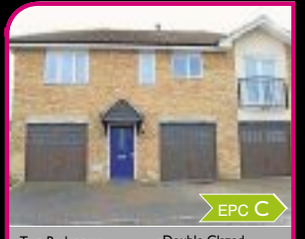
Bletchley £41,000



- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Double Glazed
- Radiator Heating
- Popular Area
- A Must See

Broughton Offers in Excess £170,000

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Bathroom
- Stamp Duty Paid

Bradwell £270,000

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No upper chain

Bletchley £285,000

- Terraced
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Four Piece Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Double Glazed
- No Above Chain

Stantonbury £179,995

- Top Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan
- Lounge
- Kitchen Area
- One Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Allocated Parking

New Bradwell £109,950

Living Life On One Level. A fantastic sized detached bungalow located in a cul-de-sac position. The property benefits from three bedrooms, separate reception rooms, a utility room and garage. The property is situated to the outskirts of Coffee Hall with good access to the hospital and Central MK.

Coffee Hall Offers In Excess £245,000

A four bedroom detached house located in the corner of a cul-de-sac and ideally situated close to Central Milton Keynes including the train station, local schools and shops. The property comprises, entrance porch & hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, four bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. The property has gas central heating to radiators, Upvc double glazing, a single garage and gardens.

Bradwell Common £249,950

Offered for sale is this beautiful extended three bedroom detached bungalow in one of Bletchley's prime locations. The property boasts a tasteful extension adding great space. Accommodation in brief comprises of: Three double bedrooms, two of which have en-suite showers. kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, Atrium, family bathroom, large frontage offering ample parking and garden space, private rear garden.

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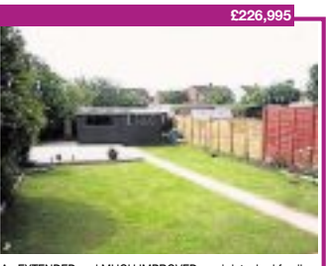

An EXTENDED and MUCH IMPROVED semi detached family home with entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, utility room, downstairs bedroom/study, three further bedrooms, bathroom, parking and a generous rear garden. E P C rating D.

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The perfect family home at Oakgrove Village

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An increase in families migrating from London to the Home Counties has driven demand for family houses across Buckinghamshire, according to a report from developer Crest Nicholson.

With the opportunity to get better value for money, smaller mortgages and, as a consequence, enjoy a better quality of life; more families than ever are cashing in their assets and leaving London. Testament to this is Oakgrove Village, Crest Nicholson's development in Milton Keynes, which has seen an influx of interest from growing and established families alike.

Susan Young, Sales and Marketing Director, Crest Nicholson Regeneration, comments: "In recent months we've noticed a significant rise in the proportion of our purchasers who are either families with young children or couples planning to start a family in the near future. These buyers tell us their key driver to buy at Oakgrove Village is the volume of space they get for their money compared to living closer to London, combined with the fact that the development is so well located for commuting back into the Capital.

"The other important reason they're choosing to buy at Oakgrove is the fact that the development is located across the road from Oakgrove School, arguably Milton Keynes' best secondary school. The real bonus for parents is that all pupils attending the primary school that will open on-site at Oakgrove Village in 2016 will be guaranteed a place at Oakgrove School when they are at the appropriate age."

Susan continues: "The four-bedroom houses are proving particularly popular with families as they provide a flexible layout. As well as an open plan kitchen / dining room and a separate living room, the houses have an additional room on the ground floor, which can be used as a study, but which many families are finding makes an excellent children's playroom; keeping toys from cluttering up the rest of the house. Ground floors are light and airy thanks to full height windows to the entrance hall and French doors in the open plan kitchen / dining areas and sitting room, leading onto a private garden.

With four good sized bedrooms and two bathrooms, as well as a private terrace on the first floor, the properties have plenty of space for growing families.

"Oakgrove Village doesn't only offer residents a beautiful home, but also the opportunity to be part of a burgeoning new community. The development is fully equipped with a network of amenities, including a large new Waitrose supermarket, a Costa Coffee and a Metro bank, ensuring that all needs are catered for and delivering a desirable lifestyle in which to bring up a family."

Oakgrove Village is surrounded by beautiful countryside and has been designed to be very bicycle-friendly, criss-crossed as it is by cycle paths. Adjacent to the development, Ouzel Valley Park has picnic areas, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, power boat racing and windsurfing on its two lakes, making Oakgrove Village the perfect choice for those looking to enjoy an active lifestyle. Residents also benefit from the fact that all the family-friendly attractions of Milton Keynes are right on the doorstep.

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping up of Highway (South East) (No.34) Order 2014" authorising the stopping up of an irregular shaped western part width of Penshurst Crescent comprising parking spaces and highway verge at Ashland, in Milton Keynes to enable development as permitted by Milton Keynes Council, references 02/02139/OUT and 06/01352/REM.

COPIES OF THE ORDER MAY BE OBTAINED, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/SE/S247/1401) and may be inspected during normal opening hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

ANY PERSON aggrieved by or desiring to question the validity of or any provision within the Order, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement or regulation made has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of 06 August 2014 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision included.

Dave Candlish
Department for Transport

Goods Vehicle Operators Licence

Cowan Recovery Limited trading as CMG of The Walnuts, Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes MK14 SAA, registered address Church View Chambers, 38 Market Square, Toddington, Dunstable, Beds LUS 6BS is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 7 goods trailers at their current operating centre at Motorway Service Area, M1 Motorway, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8JP. To keep an extra 6 goods trailers at their current operating centre at Walnut Farm, Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes MK14 SAA. To keep an extra 2 goods trailers at their current operating centre at unit B1, Telegraph House, Windsor Road, Bedford, MK42 9TA. To keep an extra 1 trailer at their current operating centre at Unit 2, Mansard Close, Westgate Industrial Estate, Northampton NNS SDL. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office. GLW

Public Notices

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET FREE AND LIMITED PARKING PLACES AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2005) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th August 2014 made two Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect:-

- The introduction of residents permit parking on Midsummer Boulevard adjacent to Lower Twelfth Street, Central Milton Keynes
- The removal of 3 hour limited waiting restriction along part of Midsummer Boulevard adjacent to Lower Twelfth Street

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and some others

This Order will come into effect from 7th August 2014.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the area referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Copies of any Order to be varied or revoked by these proposals can be viewed during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-086

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been compiled with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (SIMPSON ROAD (PART), SIMPSON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton has on 5th August 2014 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Simpson Road, Simpson from its junction with Simpson Drive to its junction with Beales Lane in order to allow safe access to Simpson Bridge whilst major maintenance works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 11th August 2014 until 21st September 2014.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Simpson Drive, H9 Groveway, V10 Brickhill Street, Chase Avenue and Simpson Road, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 11th August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (BRIDLEWAY 45 (PART), CALVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along part of Bridleway 45, Calverton in order to allow safe access for vehicles accessing the developers site compound and to allow works to be carried out on site at the Milton Keynes Western Expansion Area development. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 18th August 2014 until 18th February 2015. The affected length of Bridleway is as follows:-

Bridleway 45 - will be closed from a point where it meets with bridleway 43 (600 metres south of V4 Watling Street), and continuing for a distance of 260 metres in an easterly direction

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via a temporary bridleway north of Bridleway 45

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties and any vehicles being used in connection with the construction works.

The closures and their alternative routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closures will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of bridleway.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 18th August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PRINCES WAY AND BOWLING GREEN CLOSE (PARTS), BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY FOOTWAY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 5th August 2014 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all access along those parts of the footway on Princes Way and Bowling Green Close, in order to allow the erection of scaffolding to permit construction works to be carried out safely. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 18th August 2014 to 29th June 2015.

The following lengths of footway will be closed:-

- **Princes Way** (north-east side) from its junction with Bowling Green Close for a distance of 65 metres in a north-westerly and north-easterly direction;
- **Bowling Green Close** (north-west side) from its junction with Princes Way for a distance of 50 metres in a north-easterly direction

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative pedestrian route will be via the footways on the south-eastern side of Bowling Green Close and the south-western side of Princes Way, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 18th August 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 12 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, OLNEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING, WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- The consolidation of all waiting, loading and unloading restrictions and disabled persons' parking places Traffic Regulation Orders for Olney
- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Dingledderry, Lime Street, Newton Street, Spinney Hill Road, West Street, Yardley Road, Olney
- The alteration of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of roads within of Chantry Rise, Lime Street, Weston Road, Olney
- The alteration of 'No Waiting Saturdays and Sundays' for goods vehicles restrictions along part of Weston Road, Olney

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 27 August 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-097.

06 August 2014

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John Pryor
Assistant Director – Public Realm Service Group

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01494/FUL	Change of use from offices (use class B1) to residential dwelling (use class C3) and conversion to form two, two bed apartments (re-submission of 14/00531/FUL) at The Granary, 7 Manor Courtyard, Sherington
14/01509/FUL	Change of use of nine parking spaces to hand car wash and valeting operation, including installation of an office and erection of a canopy at Tesco, Stratford Road, Wolverton
14/01510/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 4x non illuminated fascia signs and 12x non illuminated free standing signs at Tesco, Stratford Road, Wolverton
14/01515/FUL	Erection of detached Bungalow at Land South East of The Hollow Tree, 19 High Street, Stoke Goldington
14/01546/FUL	Prior notification for change of use from offices (use class B1) to dwelling-houses (use class C3) at 72A Silver Street, Newport Pagnell
14/01626/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 x Sycamore tree, 1 x Cedar tree, 1 x Silver Birch tree, 1 x Apple tree and 1 x Damson tree at 2 Chaseport Close, Ravenstone
14/01672/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 x Sycamore tree (Tree 1) at Manor Close, 16 Olney Road, Emberton
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
14/01490/LBC	Listed building consent for relocation of front door, replacement windows and doors, internal alterations and insertion of roof-lights at 20 Cowdray Close, Woolstone
14/01585/LBC	Listed building consent to carry out lime rendering on entire outside surface, leaving beams and some brickwork exposed, paint finishes to lime render, window frames and casements, ground floor window nose replacements, internal wall re-rendering, paint removal from beams, chimney cauls and linings at Melville Farm, 15 Shenley Road, Bletchley
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
14/01628/FULEIS	Multi-storey car park with associated public realm works (including landscape) and access, and a community unit at ground floor level at Block E2.4 Car Park, Land To East of John Lewis, Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 MAJOR

14/01610/OUT	Outline planning permission for the erection of 350 homes with associated access with all other matters reserved at Land South of Church Farm, Walton Road, Wavendon
14/01628/FULEIS	Multi-storey car park with associated public realm works (including landscape) and access, and a community unit at ground floor level at Block E2.4 Car Park, Land To East of John Lewis, Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes

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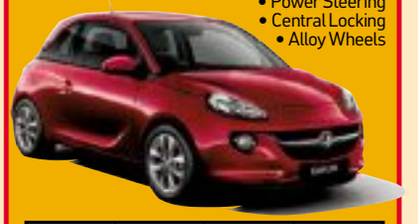

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES

MK stars bring home the medals

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IT was a terrific 11 days at the Commonwealth Games for athletes from the city, with Milton Keynes stars securing two gold medals, three silvers and two bronzes.

The haul would have put Milton Keynes as a city 16th in the overall Glasgow 2014 medal table, slightly ahead of Papua New Guinea, and ahead of countries such as Cameroon, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Ghana.

Badminton player Gabby Adcock was responsible for a decent chunk of those medals, securing one of each colour to bring back to MK.

The Leeds-born lass, who alongside the majority of her badminton compatriots is based in Milton Keynes, won gold alongside husband Chris in the mixed doubles, silver in the team event with England and bronze in the women's doubles partnering Lauren Smith.

Speaking after her mixed doubles win, Gabby said: "We can't believe it, no words can explain it.

"It's all the hard work that we've put in, this is the reward. We are just so happy that we got that gold.

"The last two years have been the biggest roller coaster I've ever been on."

Other English players who won medals in the badminton, which has its national HQ in Loughton Lodge, include Chris Langridge and Heather Olver, who won the silver medal after losing to the Adcocks in the mixed doubles, while Langridge also won a bronze alongside Peter Mills in the men's doubles event.

Success: Gabby Adcock and Lauren Smith win bronze at Glasgow 2014

Long jump gold for Greg Rutherford – page 3

England team captain Rajiv Ouseph failed in his bid to win a medal in the men's singles though, losing to India's RV Gurusaidutt in the bronze medal match.

The English had been set a minimum target of three medals by their coaches but by the end of the 11 days of competition head coach Jakob Hoi's 10-strong squad had scooped mixed doubles gold and silver, team silver, men's doubles bronze and women's doubles bronze to finish with five medals.

There is no let-up for the players though – they will now turn their attention to the World Championships, which start in three weeks in Copenhagen.

In the table tennis, MK's Andrew Baggaley added a sixth medal to his Commonwealth Games haul thanks to a silver medal in the team event.

With England 2-0 down against Singapore by the time he came to the table with doubles partner Paul Drinkhall in the final, the pair put on a sensational show to win the third game 8-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-3, and give England a fighting chance of a miraculous recovery.

But the following match was a singles game where Baggaley, ranked 166 in the world, was pitted against Zhan Jian, who is ranked more than 100 places above him, and he lost that one 11-4, 11-8, 11-9 to nevertheless claim silver for himself and England.

In the singles he was unable to add to his tally, being knocked out in the round of 32 tie against Canadian Zhen Eugene Wang. However, he has now won medals at four consecutive Commonwealth Games.

Milton Keynes Athletic Club member Chris Clarke finished sixth in the men's 200m semi-final last Thursday, running a time of 20.71s.

It was exactly the same time as what he recorded in the heat the previous day to qualify for the semi-final at Hampden Park.

City cyclist Ian Stannard, who was forced to miss the Tour de France this year because of a back problem, had his first race back since suffering that injury in the men's road race.

The 26-year-old Team Sky rider cracked a vertebrae in a nasty crash at Gent-Wevelgem in April and did not complete the course around Glasgow's streets on his return to the saddle. A spine specialist had said he was lucky not to suffer any permanent damage.

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The club, which has been growing in numbers and going from strength to strength in the racing field over the last few years, even inspired their friends and rivals from clubs such as Northampton and Bedford to cheer them on.

There was multiplied support along the banks of the river as the MK crews in their distinctive green and black stormed past their opposition in race after race.

The most unexpected win came on Sunday in the men's intermediate two coxed four race, which had a substitute rower in the boat in the form of Louisa Briar, along with Benn Klewpatinond, Kevin Lilla and Tom Hopkins, coxed by Chris Wilson. Briar, who learnt to row at the club last year, looked tiny in comparison to the tall, athletic crew of men she was rowing with. She was subbed in at the last minute following a status change caused by the original crew having won a race the day before, which placed them in too high a category to race. They won their heat, much to the surprise of their competition, and went on to win in the final.

Saturday saw the 'de-novicing' of the men's novice coxed four of Matt Whatley, Gavin Creech, Steve Boughton and Callum Holland, coxed by Lilla. This crew beat Globe Rowing Club by one length in the heat, and beat Leeds by an incredible four lengths in the final.

MK are preparing for their own regatta on September 13, with the hope that some of their success will be inspiring clubs visiting Milton Keynes to match their haul.

ICE HOCKEY

Pre-season schedule revealed as two return

MK LIGHTNING have named the final two British members of their roster for the 2014/15 season, confirming that defenceman Ben Russell and forward Ross Bowers will both return.

Russell, 20, is a product of the city's youth ice hockey system, having started at MK Storm.

He said: "My first year with Lightning has been a great experience and a useful learning curve."

Another product of the MK youth system, Bowers returns for his tenth season in Lightning colours.

Aside from a single season in 2008-9, 'Rosco' has spent his entire career in Milton Keynes with his no-nonsense attitude making him a very popular member of the roster.

"Last season was a challenge with the travelling," said Bowers, after the side's 2013/14 exile in Coventry due to a rink upgrade.

"But the whole organisation stuck together and made it work.

"The league this season looks to be the strongest it's ever been, but Nick [Poole] is building a great team with a good mix of youth and experience and I'm excited about doing my part to bring success back to MK."

Meanwhile, Lightning have confirmed their pre-season challenge calendar.

Head coach Poole's side will contest a tough schedule of four fixtures in just eight days.

The traditional pre-season 'Ashes' fixtures against Peterborough Phantoms take place on September 6 and 7.

Bookending those games are two midweek fixtures – the first against Swindon Wildcats on September 3, and the second against Telford Tigers on September 10.

The city's rink refurbishment work is in its final stages, so all of the games will be away.

SPORTSSHORTS

CRICKET

ADVERSE weather was responsible for the cricket calendar being decimated for local teams this weekend. Stony Stratford could only get through the first innings of their game with Horton House in the Northants Premier League, and the same was true for Great Brickhill and Bletchley Town in the Cherwell League. Wolverton Town didn't manage to even notch up any scores.

In the Four Counties League Division One, New City played out a losing draw with Biddenham.

DRAGONBOAT RACING

SECKLOW Hundred Dragon Boat club are hosting an open day on Saturday between 2pm and 4pm at Caldecotte North Lake. If you are interested in training, which takes place every Thursday (summer only) at 6pm and every Sunday at 10am, or wish to learn more, go to www.secklow.com.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Southern Athletic League team secured promotion, hot on the heels of the Youth Development League team's success.

In a close match at Parliament Hill, the club pushed Thames Valley Harriers into second spot by just eight points to take the well earned promotion to Division One next season.

It was the middle distances that produced the big points with a clean sweep of wins in the 800m thanks to Ross Threlfall, Sam Deathe, Gemma Childs and Sophia Cliffe, and this was repeated in the 1500m.

TAEKWONDO

CHAND Institute's Jade Wren and Reuben Sokhi won bronze medals at the ITF Taekwondo World Championships in Rome.

Wren won bronze for patterns and sparring, while Sokhi won bronze for patterns. Scott Owen was also promoted to IV Degree.

GOLF

IB Raven-Aagaard from Bletchley and Jeff Wyatt from MK qualified for the Audi Quattro Cup UK Final golf tournament that will be staged in September for the chance to represent Great Britain.

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Samir we go!

• Carruthers linked with permanent return ahead of season opener with Gillingham

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson looks set to bring Aston Villa winger Samir Carruthers back to the club on a permanent basis.

The midfielder was in the crowd for the Dons v Leicester City friendly at stadiummk on Monday night, and Robinson did not hide his admiration for a player who spent the majority of last season at the club on loan.

A deal for Carruthers could be completed within the next couple of days, and he would provide more competition in the wide positions to go alongside Danny Green, Dean Bowditch and Daniel Powell.

"Samir is a top, top player," said Robinson.

"I'm not going to rule it out, but I'm not going to tell you that we've done a deal for him either.

"He was at the Leicester game and he's someone that I would love to bring to the football club on a permanent basis.

"We've brought in a lot of good young players this season and he is certainly someone who would add to the quality.

"But nothing's done yet and we'll see where that goes."

The potential signing of Carruthers would add to an impressive list of players who have joined Dons during the summer, with on-loan Arsenal striker Benik Afobe becoming the latest recruit on Monday.

If Carruthers does join then it would possibly bring Robinson's recruitment process this summer to a close, and the Liverpudlian said he was happy with his squad.

Warming up: Dele Alli races away against Leicester in Dons' new yellow third kit
Picture: Andy Kearns

"I've got most of the ones I wanted to bring in," he said.

"The squad's not as big as it's ever been but the strength in depth is certainly better.

"It's a better age, there are bits of experience in there but also a lot of youth and energy which I'm really looking forward to working with."

Dons lost 2-0 to an impressive Leicester outfit on Monday night, with goals from David Nugent and James Pearson sealing the victory for the Premier League new boys.

Robinson was particularly impressed with Foxes strikers Nugent and Chris Wood.

"I thought it was a really good challenge," he said.

"I've been saying to my young players just now – I thought the way Nugent and Wood conducted themselves was incredible.

"It was great for my young players to see but I thought it was a really good test for us."

New striker Will Grigg was not involved in the squad that lost to Leicester, but the on-loan Brentford man is expected to be back in the frame come the opening game of the League One season against Gillingham on Saturday – a match which Robinson says he cannot wait for.

"It's a good time to be involved with the football club and there is a lot of quality dotted around," he said.

"It's Christmas! Thursday and Friday are big days and there's the fear going into it, but the group are looking forward to the challenges."

The home clash with Gillingham will be followed by a clash with fierce rivals AFC Wimbledon in the League Cup, and then a League trip to Peterborough.

Dons can win the league says new loan striker Afobe

NEW signing Benik Afobe sees no reason why MK Dons cannot challenge for the League One title this season.

The Arsenal striker, 21, said his mind was made up about signing on a year's loan from the Gunners after attending Dons' game against Brackley Town on Saturday, and he went straight into the side that lost 2-0 against Leicester City on Monday night.

He feels that Dons play in a similar way to the Gunners, and he has success on his mind.

"As soon as I heard about the interest I came and spoke to the manager," he said. "I like the philosophy of the club, I like the way the boys play, and when I came to watch them on Saturday my mind was made up.

"We were all on the same wavelength and I think that's a good thing.

"I honestly believe this team can win the league and I want to help them do that.

"I know it's a bit far-fetched saying that in August but I believe that this team is the best in the league."

Afobe has suffered an injury-hit career despite his tender age, with hip and cruciate ligament injuries already having done some damage, and it was some help from former Arsenal striker Robin van Persie that helped him recover from those setbacks.

"Robin van Persie had a few injuries like myself when he was younger," said the striker, who has also played for Huddersfield Town, Reading and Bolton Wanderers, making a total of 79 appearances and scoring 13 goals.

"He kept saying to me make sure you do your rehab properly – you want to come back even better than before, you don't want to come back the same.

"He was like an older brother to me so I was a bit sad when he left, and I used to always listen to what he said."

Boss Karl Robinson added: "He [Afobe] should be playing in the Championship and an awful lot higher.

"He's been told here is a place where he can develop his talent and the way he conducts himself is phenomenal."

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